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COMMISSIONERS TOO FAR APART

Reports on Fisheries Not to Be
Presented to Respective
Governments

CONFERENCE IS POSTPONED

Disagreement Will Leave Re-
gulations Unchanged for
Coming Year

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—That the members
of the international fisheries commis-
sion appointed under the treaty of
April 8, 1908, between Great Britain
and the United States, to formulate
regulations for the operation of fish-
eries along the international boundary
line from the Atlantic to the Pacific,
have disagreed so seriously in the
reports they have made for sub-
mission to the governments of Canada
and the United States as to render it
inadvisable to present the reports at
the present time was learned today.
Even the final conference between the
commissioners, at which all unfinished
details of the work of last summer
were to be dealt with, has been post-
poned indefinitely.

The commissioners are Prof. Prince,
of the Canadian department of fish-
eries, and Dr. David Starr Jordan, of
Leland Stanford University, Califor-
nia, an acknowledged expert on fish-
eries.

According to arrangement the com-
missioners were to have held their
final conference in San Francisco
about the middle of the present month,
and almost up to the day when Prof.
Prince intended to have left for the
Pacific coast there was no hint that
the meeting would not take place.

About this time the commissioners
are reported to have exchanged copies
of their recommendations respecting
the operation of the fisheries along the
thousands of miles of border line be-
tween the two countries, and each of-
ficial found that his report in many
important phases was widely at vari-
ance with that of the other. Under
these circumstances it is said to have
been realized that a conference at
this time would be a waste of time,
and it was mutually agreed that the
meeting should be postponed for six
months. The consequence of this fail-
ure of the commissioners to agree in
respect to the most important matters
at issue will be that another year will
elapse before any drastic changes can
be made in the regulations governing
the fisheries of either country on sea-
board or boundary lakes and rivers.

It is understood that the commis-
sioners will next summer attempt to
set together and formulate reports
which in the main will agree with
the other. It is said that the prin-
cipal difference between the commis-
sioners arose in connection with the
promulgation of regulations for the
lake fisheries, which have for years
been the cause of bitter contention.

One effort of the postponement of
the final conference will be non-in-
terference with the Pacific coast sal-
mon fisheries during the coming year,
which will be the season of the phe-
nomenally large run of fish which
takes place every four years.

WILL SHORTEN ROAD

Great Northern Cut-Off Between New
Westminster and Blaine to Be
Finished Shortly

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—The contractors
for the construction of the Great Nor-
thern cut-off between New Westmin-
ster and Blaine via Boundary bay,
have announced to the railway com-
pany that they expect to finish the
work before the end of the present
month, and they are now arranging
to turn the road over on January 1.

It was announced today by the
Great Northern railway company that
as soon as the operating department
of the railway has been in charge of
the cut-off for a few days and per-
fected the details incident to its op-
eration it is the intention of the com-
pany to run a businessmen's excursion
from Vancouver to Blaine. This ex-
cursion will probably take place some
time about the middle of January fol-
lowing the holiday season, when the
business community will have recov-
ered its breath from the Christmas
rush period.

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Shipment From Royal Mines
Lethbridge, Dec. 24.—The first car
of coal was shipped from the Royal
mines over the new spur, recently
completed. It was billed to Regina,
all shipments will now be made over
this spur.

Christmas at Sandringham.
London, Dec. 24.—The King and the
Queen, the Prince and Princess of
Wales, are spending Christmas at
Sandringham with the customary festi-
vities. Sandringham House is gaily
decorated, and a gigantic tree, laden
with gifts, stands in the ballroom. The
King will preside at the family Christ-
mas dinner tomorrow.

Pitiful Tragedy
Chicago, Dec. 24.—While helping
his mother trim a Christmas tree last
night, Earl Locke, three years of age,
playfully picked up an old revolver and
said to his mother, "Shoot me."
Mother. The mother, unaware that
the revolver was loaded, pulled the
trigger and shot the child through the
heart, killing him instantly. The
revolver had been lying about the
house for six months, and only one
chamber was loaded.

Mr. Hirt's Views
London, Dec. 24.—Mr. Hirt, of the
London Economist, who recently re-
turned from Canada, in an article in
that paper today advises the English
farmer of small capital who decides
to farm in Canada to let the Canadians
of Ontario and Quebec go west, as
farms in Ontario can be had for half
the price they fetched thirty years ago.
But should he buy the moment he
gets out, he is almost certain to be
"done." Mr. Hirt adds that the ter-
rible isolation of the western plains
which drives so many men and wo-
men crazy, and is filling the lunatic
asylums is not felt in the settled parts
of Ontario.

C. P. R. INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT PLANS

Organization Completed and
Work Placed in Charge of
F. W. Peters

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—All the details
in connection with the creation of the
new industrial department by the C.
P. R. were completed in the office of
the second vice-president this morn-
ing.

The department will be under the
personal direction of F. W. Peters, who
will exercise a general supervision over
all the work which may be undertaken
in this connection.

The inauguration of this department
is regarded as of great importance in
the upbuilding of the towns and cities
of the west, and the increase of the
general prosperity of the country. In-
formation will be supplied to all class-
es of people who desire to locate in
the country, whether for the purpose
of manufacture or trade.

The co-operation of boards of trade
in all parts of the country will be
sought, and towns and cities which
believe that there are facilities at
their command for the profitable op-
eration of industrial institutions will
be the fullest support of the Cana-
dian Pacific in the endeavor to se-
cure the location of such plants. Much
work in this direction has been done
by the C. P. R. in the past, and it is
now proposed to carry this work on
in a systematic and thorough manner.

Wolverine Caught
Rare Animal on Vancouver Island
Trapped at Horne Lake—Wild
Man is Also Seen

Nanaimo, Dec. 24.—William Buss,
the well known resident of Qualicum,
brought a wolverine to the city yester-
day which he caught in a trap at
Horne lake. Wolverines are extremely
rare on Vancouver Island, and prob-
ably the majority of the oldest hun-
ters here would deny that there was
such an animal on the island, although
they are quite plentiful on the main-
land. Mr. Buss is sending the animal
to Mr. Kermode, curator of the provin-
cial museum, Victoria. This is the
second animal of the kind that has
been seen in this district in many
years. The wolverine belongs to the
cat family. It is a very cunning beast,
and when cornered will fight tena-
ciously for its life. They are the de-
spair of trappers where they are plen-
tiful, being very destructive. The animal
is known by the appellation of the
"devil" among the French-Canadian
trappers.

The most sensational part of Mr.
Buss' story of the capture of the wol-
verine is that he states he saw the
famous wild man of Vancouver Island
near the trap, who fled with amazing
rapidity when he approached. Mr.
Buss does not treat the wild man story
with the levity generally used with
this story, but firmly believes in the
wild man, and is as firmly convinced
that he saw him on his last trip. He
describes him in the conventional
way of all those who have seen him.

The Wellington Colliery company
broke all records yesterday at the
Cumberland mines, when over two
thousand tons of coal were hoisted
from their four mines. The output of
number four mine alone was 1,240
tons.

The herring run in the harbor,
which has been large for the past two
weeks, during which many hundreds
of tons of fish have been caught and
shipped to many parts of the world,
suddenly ceased on Tuesday night, and
yesterday but indifferent catches were
made, only very small fish in scarce
quantities being caught. The fish
will probably return in as great num-
bers as ever at an early date, this
darting away being an old character-
istic of the fish. The Japanese are
very actively engaged in the industry
here this year, and are making large
shipments daily to the Orient.

Returned to Capital.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Their Excellen-
cies the Governor-General and Coun-
tess Grey, with Lady Evelyn Grey, re-
turned to Ottawa this afternoon by
special train.

BANK PAYMENTS TO COUNCILMEN

Gave at Least \$176,000 for
Privilege of Handling Funds
of Pittsburg

MORE ARRESTS PROBABLE

Voters' League is Assured of
Plenty of Financial
Backing

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—That at
least \$176,000 was paid councilmen for
the selection of certain banks as de-
positories for the city's funds has been
almost positively established by evi-
dence submitted and statements fur-
nished by the Voters' league and the
Scranton, Pa., detectives employed by
the league to give this city a munici-
pal housecleaning.

Whether all of the banks selected as
depositories contributed to this fund
has not been established. Officials of
but one bank have so far been ar-
rested, and they are charged with the pay-
ment of \$17,500 of the alleged bribery
fund. That other bankers are to be ar-
rested is almost positively stated by
those back of the investigation.

Mayor Guthrie, who refused to make
contracts with the banks as authorized
by the council, on the ground that
they were illegal, said tonight that the
selection of the depositories is void
because obtained by bribery and fraud,
and that the council can set them aside
without the formality of court pro-
ceedings. The period for which the
depositories were selected will expire
early in February.

That other arrests are to be made
is practically admitted by all con-
cerned in the case, but the present in-
tention is to let the matter rest until
after Christmas. Detectives are still
at work, however, and if developments
make it necessary, officers will close
upon the suspects before the time now
fixed by the league.

The Voters' league has been assured
of the financial backing needed for
the prosecution of the case by the
selection of Vice-President H. B.
English tonight that the league de-
pends wholly upon voluntary con-
tributions, but Mr. English said any sum
up to \$500,000 can be secured any time
it is needed, without effort, proffers
having been made by the leading men
of the city.

Ruef's Sentence Delayed.
San Francisco, Dec. 24.—The passing
of sentence upon Ruef was today con-
tinued by Superior Judge Lawler until
next Tuesday morning. The postpone-
ment was granted because of the proce-
dures for the numerous motions and
affidavits submitted by the de-
fence. The day was the third con-
tinuation since Dec. 10, when Ruef was
pronounced guilty by a jury. The mo-
tion for a new trial was based upon
affidavits making grave charges
against individual members of the jury
which convicted the defendant.

REVISERS OF TARIFF WILL WORK STEADILY

Chances of Large Interests
Taking Fight for Duties
to Senate

Washington, Dec. 24.—The tariff
revisionists again today to continue
the work of preparing a tariff bill to
be presented to congress at the special
session to be called in March.

While protection to industries which
must compete with cheap labor abroad
will be the keynote of the revised tar-
iff, much consideration will be given to
the questions of raising sufficient rev-
enues for the government. The sub-
committee of the house ways and
means committee is wasting no time
in drawing up the new bill, and it
will resume its programme of daily
meetings on Monday.

The matter of revenues involves
more difficult problems than the pro-
tection or other phases of the tariff
revision question. It is claimed by
some that the government has been
deprived of millions of dollars of rev-
enue during the operation of the Ding-
ley tariff because of the numerous
changes made in the bill after it passed
the house of representatives. The
changes were made principally in the
wording of the rates of duty.

It is freely said that numerous large
interests which will be affected by the
new tariff law as it will be reported
to the house, will make a strong fight
when the bill reaches the senate as
it comes from the house. It is even
said that Mr. Taft will veto the bill
if the senate asks too many changes
tending to increase the rates of duty.

Gift From Pope Pius

Boston, Dec. 24.—Archbishop Wm.
O'Connell received a gold timepiece as
a Christmas gift from Pope Pius X
today. It came by special messenger,
and was enclosed in a case magnifi-
cently carved. Both the watch and
case bear the papal coat of arms.

More Tennessee Outlawry

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 24.—On an
indictment from the court of Hum-
phrey county, six men were brought to
this city and are in jail today, charged
with kidnapping and kidnaping
outrages. The order for their arrest
was signed by the clerk of the Hum-
phrey county circuit court. Besides
these six, fourteen more men were
arrested yesterday in Humphrey county
charged with the same offenses.
These fourteen are held in the jail at
Waverly. Little is known of the al-
leged crimes of the men and their ar-
rest is surrounded in mystery.

Inciendiarism at Prince Albert.

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 24.—The
lumber shed, store and office of Wil-
liam Cowan & Co., lumber manufac-
turer, were destroyed by fire at 5 a. m.
The fire was of incendiary origin. It
was discovered in the big shed, filled
with shiplap. The firemen did good
work in saving the storehouse, the
lumber piles adjoining and the saw-
mill. The loss is about \$20,000, covered
by insurance. Mr. Cowan is
spending Christmas at his old home
in Norfolk county, Ontario.

President's Hunting

Washington, Dec. 24.—President
Roosevelt will make a special effort
in his African hunting trip to shoot
two white rhinoceroses, about the
scarcest animal in all Africa. The na-
tional museum in Washington is es-
pecially anxious for one of these, and
if the president gets another specimen,
he will give it to the British national
museum. The president will not end
his journey until he has got two ele-
phants. The advice recently given him
that he will get elephants on the
route has decided to take has caused
him to determine to go as far into
the interior of Africa as is necessary
to get elephants.

Wrongly Reported Dead

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 24.—Eighteen
years ago next June, the report ap-
peared in the papers of this province
of the death of Corporal Morgan, of
the Northwest Mounted police, who
had previously left for England and
had, after leaving New York, been
found dead in his berth. Corporal
Morgan was well known here. To
the surprise of his friends, however,
Corporal Morgan has returned here.
The mistake occurred over the death
of another man of the same name on
board ship.

PROSPECT OF PEACE AMONG VENEZUELAN

State Department at Washing-
ton Takes Hopeful View
of Situation

Washington, Dec. 24.—With the tense
feature of the Venezuelan situation re-
moved by the resumption of friendly
relations between the United States
and that country, the state department
is awaiting developments.

In the meantime Special commis-
sioner W. I. Buchanan is now on his
way there for a conference with the
government of Acting President
Gomez, and American warships are
proceeding in that direction with
friendly intentions. The North Caro-
lina, on which Mr. Buchanan is travel-
ing, is a swift vessel, but it is prob-
able that it will be a week before he
has had an opportunity of consultation
with the Venezuelan government and
communicate fully to the department
on the subject.

The gunboat Dohln meantime will
anchor at La Guaira and be in a po-
sition to give assistance to the Ven-
ezuelan government in preventing dis-
orders should any arise, and afford
protection to American interests should
there be need of it.

A hopeful view is taken at the state
department that peace and order may
prevail throughout Venezuela, and
that bloodshed will be avoided. A full
dependence is placed on the ability of
the special commissioner to success-
fully conduct the mission with which
he has been entrusted.

Only a passing interest was man-
ifested at the state department today
over the statement made by President
Castro at Berlin amounting to a vir-
tual abandonment of his present claims
to the presidency of Venezuela. No
one would comment on it seriously.

TO KEEP WITHIN LAW

New York Life Insurance Company Stops Writing Off New Policies For the Present Year

New York, Dec. 24.—In order that it
may be certain not to exceed the limi-
tations of new business prescribed by
the state of New York, the New York
Life Insurance company announced today
that it would write no more policies,
the insurance under which can be con-
summated in the present year. An official statement issued
by the company declares that this step
is necessary in view of the large amount
of business that already has been writ-
ten. The statement was given out by
the company says: "The New York
Life Insurance company has today re-
fused to write any more policies the
insurance under which can be consum-
mated in the year 1908. The company
has already in the year 1908 received
the first year's premiums on so large
an amount of insurance, and has in ad-
dition so much insurance outstanding
in the hands of agents all over the
world, as to make this step necessary
in order to be certain not to exceed in
the year 1908 the limit of new busi-
ness prescribed by section 96 of the
insurance law."

Grand Trunk Earnings

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Traffic earnings
of the Grand Trunk railway for the
week ending Dec. 21, show a decrease
of \$87,245, compared with the same
week a year ago.

Subjects for Matriculation

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Grammar and
arithmetic in future will be included
in the list of subjects to be taken by
students at the matriculation examina-
tions for Ontario universities, accord-
ing to a decision reached yesterday
at a conference of representatives of
provincial universities.

Postage Slot Machines

Washington, Dec. 24.—If one can
drop a penny in a vending machine
and obtain a piece of chewing gum or
a handful of peanuts, why not be able
to drop in a coin and get a postage
stamp? That is just what the United
States postoffice department wants to
make a popular feature of its service,
and an order today makes the an-
nouncement that the department is
now prepared to issue limited quan-
tities of postage stamps in rolls of 500
or 1,000 for use in stamp-vending
and stamp affixing machines. Post-
masters desiring to try the new propo-
sition are requested to make requisition
to the department.

MURDER PLANS OF NIGHT RIDERS

Number of Prominent Men
Were Marked for Killing
By the Savages

JUDGE HARRIS' FORTRESS

Boys Found Wearing Black
Masks and Imitating Gang
in Their Play

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The state
today in offering an epidemic of
against the night riders, summoned
Thomas H. Clor as its first witness.
Thos. H. Clor is no relation to the de-
fendant, Arthur Clor.

Thomas H. Clor was induced to
join the night riders by Arthur Clor
early in October. The witness was
cool but careful, for last Sunday a
friend of one of them on trial told
him that if he testified he would be
killed before he left the stand.

On the night of Capt. Rankin's mur-
der, Clor went to Reelfoot Lake for
fish, and met Bob Huffman and Bud
Morris, two of the defendants. Huff-
man told him they had wanted him
to join to get information as to how
Union City was guarded, for they
wanted to visit that place and "attend
to" Judge Jones, Attorney General
Caldwell, the latter's father, a man
80 years old, Judge Waddell, and a
number of other prominent men who
were urging the extermination of the
night riders' band.

The witness was told that the night
riders were going to "get" Rankin and
Taylor that night, and he was urged
to go with them. He told them he
had no gun, that his child was ill and
that he could not go. Prior to this
he had burned his mask and told his
wife he would never join with the ri-
ders again. He was not present when
Rankin was killed. He talked with
Arthur Clor, the defendant, a few
days after the killing. The latter told
the witness all the details of the mur-
der, and said that he, Arthur Clor,
was present when it was committed.
A severe cross-examination failed to
confuse the witness.

During a recess today Judge Jones
noticed a number of small boys in the
court room and ordered them to re-
tire. This was due to an incident that
the court noticed last night. A num-
ber of boys had secured black masks,
and were playing "night riders." They
have been constant attendants at the
trial and the court did not consider
the effect good for their youthful
minds.

W. A. Robertson, a Reelfoot man,
testified that he was solicited by
Arthur Clor to join the night riders.
He refused, whereupon Clor told him
the "riders" proposed to "get" Judge
Harris, whip him and cut his head off.
The night riders were never able to
get Harris, who was one of the own-
ers of the West Tennessee Land com-
pany, because he was well guarded
all times. His home at Tipton-
ville is a veritable fortress. The
grounds and approaches to it are elec-
trically mined, and it could stand a
siege of weeks. Whether this was
known to the night riders is not de-
finitely known, but they never attempt-
ed to raid the Harris home.

MEAN BURGLARS

Christmas Gifts Stolen From Church
in Vancouver—Other Places
Broken Into

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—Late last night
and early this morning an epidemic of
burglaries broke over the city in the
centre, west and south, fire being ad-
ded to one but doing little damage.

These were the victims:
The Fairview Methodist church,
where all the Christmas gifts which
the congregation had collected, were
stolen.

The private residence at 657 Howe
street, where the burglars gained an
entrance, but were frightened away
before they had a chance to ransack
the house.

Three offices in the new Victoria
building, 336 Pender street, the Paterson
Timber company, the Terminal
Lumber and Shingle company, the
tailor shop of Glass & Co., and Mr.
Witherspoon's timber office.

After ransacking the tailor shop
and leaving at a concealed place in
the lane several new suits and suit
lengths they apparently entered Mr.
Witherspoon's office. Failing to se-
cure any cash, they tossed his books
and papers in every direction and
then wrote a message on the typewriter
to the owner to this effect:
"If you don't leave the bank bills
and cheques the next time you will
hear about it."

Then the burglars evidently trooped
to the joint office of the Paterson
Timber company and the Terminal
Lumber and Shingle company, where
they were again disappointed. But
here they carried their resentment to
the limit, setting fire to the office,
after smashing the typewriter and
tearing papers and books. There was
a general alarm. The fire was soon
extinguished.

Now all four are figuring out their
losses. The damage by fire is about
\$200, while the damage by the destruc-
tion of books and papers and loss of
goods may reach \$1,000.

There is absolutely no clew in this
case. The manner in which the win-
dows were pried open would indicate
that they are midnight experts.

The theft of the Christmas gifts
from the Fairview Methodist church
is the meanest perpetrated in the city
for many months. Many of the gifts
stolen were only brought to the
church last night.

Senator Bernier Dying.
Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Senator Bernier,
of St. Boniface, was stricken down
with paralysis today while in the city
and is dying.

A CHRISTMAS LAY

The roosters smiled and the ducks did grin,
When the brown hen sat in the old coal bin;
But the brown hen laughed as well as they,
And said, "Now, list to my Christmas lay;
The old coal bin is the place for me,
For it's not filled with coal now, don't you see?"

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

VICTORIA GAS COMPANY, LTD.

Corner Fort and Langley Streets

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And plenty of plums in your Christmas pie.

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The new minister of works has a most important portfolio as a glance at the duties attached to that office will show. In the first place it is the great spending department of the government. A large proportion of the revenue is derived from the lands department, and the works people consistently spend as much as Mr. Tatlow can be induced to permit.

This is a new country, and public works, all of which entail expenditure, bulk largely in the work of the government. Money judiciously spent on roads, trails, bridges and so forth, is a factor in the development of the province, the importance of which it is hard to estimate. Hence comes the importance of the portfolio of public works, for while the decision rests with the executive in the last analysis, yet the recommendations of the responsible minister naturally carries immense weight.

At the last session an act was passed defining in general terms the duties of the minister of works as well as those of the public works engineer, who is the new minister's expert adviser. A reference to this act shows that all questions relating to the construction of new government buildings, roads, bridges and public works generally fall to the department of works. Similarly Mr. Taylor will have charge of the maintenance, repair and heating of the Parliament buildings, as well as of the various court houses, gaols, reformatories, asylums and other public institutions in various parts of the province. Repairs to such buildings and the provision of the necessary furniture also comes within the same category.

The public works engineer is supposed to provide the necessary plans for all this work, and generally to advise the minister on all matters which may arise requiring expert engineering treatment.

Thus will it be seen that Mr. Taylor will have no sinecure. In a young and growing country like British Columbia the expenditure of necessary works of a public nature is out of all proportion to the population, when older settled communities are taken as a basis of comparison. In fact in many instances important and costly public works have to be put through in advance of population in order to enable a district of important possibilities to be opened up. It is not unlikely that next year will see an amount spent on public works which will exceed as former records, for the northern country which is now opening up is making many and insistent calls upon the exchequer, and so the minister of works will have numerous important problems to solve and conflicting questions to settle, the correct solution of which will mean much for the immediate growth and prosperity of British Columbia.

FROM HOLY WRIT

The Birth of the Saviour of the World
as Narrated by St. Luke

The following is the account of the birth of the Christ, as it is recounted by St. Luke, the physician, and the companion of St. Paul in his journeyings.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field and keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And lo, the Angel of the Lord came upon them, and the Glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the Angel said unto them, Fear not, for behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy; which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the Heavenly Host praising God and saying:

Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace and goodwill towards men.

And it came to pass as the Angels were gone away from them into Heaven, the shepherds said one to another, let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass and which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it they made known abroad the saying, which was told them concerning this child.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God, for all the things that they had heard and seen. Roman, who is no mean authority, has declared that merely considered as literature, the Gospel of St. Luke can not be surpassed for beauty in phrasing and elegance in composition among the writings of the sons of men.

THE NOEL SUCCESSION

General Sir Neville Lyttelton Becomes
Owner of Extensive Estates

London, Dec. 23.—By the death of Mr. Charles Perrott Noel, General Sir Neville Lyttelton becomes the owner of extensive estates adjoining the Lyttelton family property at Hagley.

The deceased, who was 78 years of age, lived at Bell Hall, Helbroughton, near Stourbridge, and was the last male representative of the elder branch of the Noel family, at the head of another branch of which is Lord Gainsborough.

The common ancestor of the family was Noel, who, with his wife Celestia, came over with William the Conqueror. On the occasion of his golden wedding, two years ago, Mr. Noel announced, that, having no children, he and his wife had decided to make General Sir Neville Lyttelton their heir. There is something peculiarly appropriate in the choice of a Lyttelton to succeed a Noel, for a Noel and a Lyttelton fought side by side in the days of Cromwell, and both families are among the oldest in Worcestershire.

A few years previously Mr. Noel chose as his heir Major Vernon, son of Sir Henry Foley Vernon, of Hanbury Hall, near Droitwich. The major fought in the Boer war, and soon after his return to England was killed while playing polo.

Three years later Mr. Noel made another will leaving his property to General Lyttelton. At his golden wedding celebration, in thanking his tenants for a gift of a silver loving cup, he formally announced that he would be succeeded as landlord and squire of the

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Asked at that time by a press representative why he had selected the general as his heir, Mr. Noel said: "It is no use thinking that I am going to live forever, and some day I must die; I decided upon Sir Neville Lyttelton, whose father's place adjoins my own. The announcement was, of course, no surprise to Sir Neville, and I know that he will, after my death, carry on the estate according to the best tradition of the Noel family."

OXFORD AND THE PEOPLE

Movement Now on Foot To Broaden
Sphere of University

London, Dec. 25.—Two of the most important questions in the future of Oxford University are about to be answered, experimentally at least. The questions are:

How can the university be brought to the workpeople?

How can workpeople be brought to the university?

The committee which has been considering these questions, and is now preparing its report on them, consists of seven representatives of the university, appointed by the vice-chancellor, and seven representatives nominated by the executive of the Workers' Educational Association.

Briefly, the suggestions of the committee in their report will be as follows:

Tutorial classes to be formed in selected centres, to give workers a two years course, with a special certificate from the University Extension Delegation for work, attendance, and proficiency at the end.

Duly qualified students from these classes to be given exhibitions by the various colleges to continue their studies for a diploma, as distinct from a degree, course.

The colleges, it is hoped, will provide these exhibitions, for they have large incomes, whereas the university as a whole has little.

Brockville's assessment totals \$3,864,045, and her population is 9,132.

Hamilton's sand sucker is alleged to be leaky and useless.

EMPRESS SCENE OF BRILLIANT BALL

Employees of Hostelry Enjoy
Evening With Many of
Their Friends

The Empress hotel presented a very brilliant scene last evening, when a ball was given for the hotel staff, to which 700 guests were invited. Dancing took place in the rotunda, which was most exquisitely decorated for the occasion. Hoops of evergreens were hung from pillar to pillar with hundreds of red bells between each of which was a lighted red Chinese lantern. The pillars themselves were illuminated with hundreds of small green lights.

In the centre of the room was a magnificent and gigantic Christmas tree which was loaded with gifts, most of which were kindly donated by Mrs. Henry Dallas Helmcken, who also most kindly assisted in decorating the Christmas tree, and to whom very many thanks are due for the kind interest which she has taken in the whole affair.

The Christmas tree was lighted at midnight, 300 electric lights being employed in this illumination, and to each individual member of the hotel staff, a handsome gift was presented by Santa Claus, represented for the time being by Mr. Harry Helmer. Altogether the ballroom presented a most beautiful picture, the like of which has rarely been seen in Victoria.

Dancing commenced about nine o'clock and the floor was voted by all present to be in excellent condition. The orchestra, under the able direction of Mr. Ramsby, of the 5th Regiment, played a delightful selection of dance music.

The palm room presented a delightful and cool appearance and was beautifully arranged as a sitting-out room, light refreshments being served there during the evening.

A buffet supper was served in the diningroom which was decorated most tastefully with holly and evergreens, and a profusion of scarlet carnations, white chrysanthemums and eucharist lilies.

A telegram which was received from Mr. Humble, the popular manager, who is spending his Christmas at Montreal, conveying his best wishes for the success of the ball and a happy Christmas, was framed with holly and hung in the hall.

The committee consisting of Mr. Hardy, Mr. H. E. Burris, Mr. H. B. Jackson, Mr. L. Lucas, Mr. P. Lines, Mr. F. Kastenbader, the Misses F. Clark, McDonald, Harrison and Drake, are greatly to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which all the arrangements were carried out.

MISSING CROWN JEWELS

Dublin Barrister Tries to Press Charge
Against Aberdeen

Dublin, Dec. 25.—Mr. Wallace, barrister-at-law, who has made several applications in the courts in Dublin and London regarding the missing crown jewels, asked in the King's Bench Division the other day when their lordships would appoint an unprejudiced court to hear his application for a mandamus in a charge against Lord Aberdeen and Mr. Birrell, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, whom he accused of stealing the jewels. Mr. Justice Gibson said that they could not hear the applicant. Mr.

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Wallace said he simply asked when it would be convenient for the court to hear the application for the mandamus. Justice Gibson said he could make his application on any day he wished, and Mr. Wallace then left the court.

Many electricians attended the funeral of George Hock Ruxley, the Harboursburg inventor of the insulated wire. Dr. Jesse Cope Green, of West Chester, Pa., is still practicing dentistry at the age of 92. Gold in the quartz is reported from Mine Centre, near Fort Frances.

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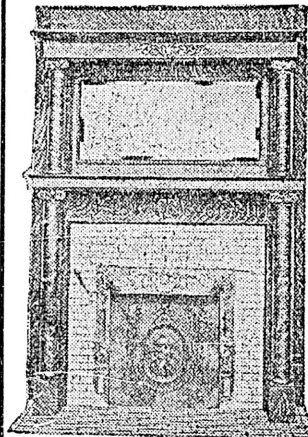
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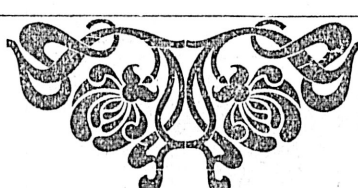
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The Matinee Hat in London.
London, Dec. 25.—The matinee hat is not going to die without a struggle. Mr. Tom B. Davis' experiment in prohibiting the wearing of hats at the matinee of "The Belle of Brittany," in the Queen's Theatre passed off quite successfully last Saturday. There were just one or two little difficulties in explaining the new rules to patrons, as the libraries did not always follow the example of the box-office in notifying their customers.

One lady, when requested to remove the shady flower-garden which crowned her coiffure, pleaded, in anxious tones that some of her curls were affixed to the hat, and left the theatre with her escort. Another, having produced a ticket on which the new rule "Hats and bonnets not allowed," was not stamped, refused to take her hat off, and the manageress felt that under the circumstances she could not insist. The lady and her companion left the theatre, however, as the second act was beginning.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

"The Great Divide"

"The Great Divide," which will be presented here at the Victoria theatre tonight and tomorrow by Mr. Henry Miller is being translated into French, German, Italian and Spanish, and Mr. Miller has begun arrangements for its presentation in Paris, Berlin, Rome and Madrid, in addition to his own appearance in the play in London next spring. All the adaptations are being made by the actor-manager's elder son, Gilbert H. Miller. Mr. Miller has had many offers for the rights of "The Great Divide" in the continental countries, but he has retained them, just as he has the London rights, and he, with his associates, will be sole owners and managers of all the productions made. Prominent producers in the different cities will be in charge of local details. Mr. Miller will rehearse each company personally.

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the great Marchal himself has been captured by royalty, and once more the Union Club, which never seems to mind, and possesses an inexhaustible supply of cooks, has furnished a successor. Indeed, Marchal himself had come originally from the Union. He is said to be unrivalled in the preparation of carp and grouse. He himself said that he has no real rivals in anything. He acknowledges that King Edward's chef is a brilliant artist, but says "there is just ever so little of a



Arthur Hartmann, the Violinist, to be heard here with Miss Goodson, Dec. 29th

"The Chorus Lady"

At last after two years of waiting Patricia O'Brien, the exuberant personage so wonderfully characterized by Rose Stahl in James Forbes' famous comedy "The Chorus Lady," is to be seen at the Victoria theatre, Monday, Dec. 28. Miss Stahl will bring with her to this city practically her entire original cast which presented the play in New York for a solid year, and last year was probably the greatest success on tour. As is well known the play is a comedy dealing with life behind the footlights, that mystic realm into which everyone has had a strong desire at some time or other to peer. Its secrets are aptly revealed in "The Chorus Lady." Miss Stahl's supporting company will include Wilford Lucas, Giles Shine, Earl B. Williams, Alice Leigh, Amy Lee, Madeline Traverser, Jean French, Marguerite Wheeler, Amy Leaser, Alice Chase and Levinia Mason.

The New Grand

There will be the usual ladies' and children's matinee at the New Grand this afternoon at 3 o'clock and two performances tonight beginning at 7.45 and 9.15. A fine holiday bill has been drawn up enormous business all week. It includes Mike Joyce Gray, the beautiful Salome dancer; Stephen Gratton and company, in "Locked Out at 3 a.m." Margaret Severance and company in "Nowadays," Earl Girdeller and his trick dogs; Thos. J. Price in illustrated song; two good moving pictures and the overture.

Pantages Theatre

Still the crowds surge to the Pantages to witness the excellent vaudeville presented each week. The bill is especially good in many respects and is drawing accordingly. La Tosca, "The Tullitiro Juggler" would be a big feature on any bill, and the appreciation of his bewildering, whirling dexterity, mingled with his killing comedy, is manifested by storms of applause at each performance. The Four English Belles, lovely and lovely, have become very popular with the multitude. The Raymond Duo, slack wire and bicycle specialists, Jack Atkins and the regular attractions are still pleasing. Next week the society drama "Roses and Orange Blossoms," by the Mason Morrison company.

ALFONSO AND THE CHEF

Spanish King Carried Off Cook of Paris Jockey Club

Paris, Dec. 26.—King Alfonso has cancelled the chef of the Jockey Club, who began proceedings at Madrid on November 1. The Jockey Club was loth to let him go, but courtesy to a young gourmet of a monarch prevented the kitchen committee from entering into competition with him. As a matter of fact, the club has coolly appropriated the chef of another club, the equally aristocratic but trifle duller "Union," that is to say, the Cercle de l'Union Diplomatique, on the other side of the boulevard, almost opposite. Having lost Marchal, the Jockey Club has bought over the Union's chef. This is the second time the Union has suffered indirectly through royalty. Some time ago King Leopold, having enjoyed a "canard aux navets" at the club, instantly secured the services of the author of the masterpiece, who was Marchal's deputy. The Jockey Club bowed, and went over the way, where it bribed one of the Union's cooks as a substitute. Now

romantic touch about his manner. Now, Marchal does not find fault with romance and poetry in cuisine. "But," he concludes, "after all, is not true classicism the real thing? I am a classic."

DEMAND ABDICATION

Servian Officers At Secret Meeting Call For Prince George

Vienna, Dec. 25.—The Vienna papers have received an interesting telegram from Nisch, according to which 380



A Scene from Henry Miller's Production "The Great Divide."

Servian officers assembled there on Sunday evening, and a memorandum was unanimously resolved upon, demanding the immediate abdication of King Peter in favor of Crown Prince George, with the final solution of the regicide question. The memorandum was subscribed by every member of the meeting, and made known to the King and the Crown Prince. It was strongly urged that only by the abdication of the King could the conspiracy question be solved, and that only in this way could the smartness and moral strength of the army be restored. The assembly was informed that the Crown Prince had been entrusted by the Tzar with an autograph letter from his Majesty to King Peter recommending his resignation. If the King acceded, Russia would intervene with the Servian government to arrange a yearly appanage of \$75,000 for the ex-King. The Crown Prince would at once ascend the throne, and be officially received by the Tzar, a step which would be understood by Servia as a compensation for the attitude of Austria-Hungary. News from Belgrade reports that the whole garrison was in readiness for action.

RUSSIA AND SERVIA

Paris, Dec. 25.—Prince George of Servia has given an interesting account of his visit to the Petit Palais's correspondent at St. Petersburg: "The object of this journey," he said, "has been to explain personally to the head of the Russian Empire the present position of Servia, and the painful consequences for my country of Austria's arbitrary infringement of the Berlin Treaty. I have been sent not only by my father, but by the entire people, to express its feeling towards the sister nation. We reckon on Russia to support the Servian nation, and to defend its vital interests by every possible means at the present moment. We are told to keep calm until the Conference assembles. We are waiting, but Servia will never consent to push strictly. She will employ all her moral and material strength to assure the possibility of her national development. In this she will have the support of Montenegro, which, in presence of the danger threatening the Servian nation, is united to us by indissoluble links. We know that the Servians of Bosnia and Herzegovina are at one with us. We also see with gratitude that public opinion in Russia has been deeply moved by the blow which has been dealt at us. So I am sure that our just and good cause must triumph."

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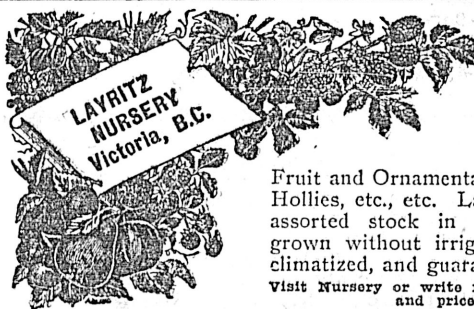
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A Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS.

When you come to think of it you will see that Christmas is one of the great things in the world, a living force making us all better. Why this should be so may not seem quite as clear as it might, but such is the fact. By all the rules of logic, by all the laws which are supposed to control our lives we should have outgrown Christmas long ago; we should have forgotten the very name of the good old Saint, of whom we speak so much on this day, which is not his day at all. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children, and we call him Santa Claus, which is his name in Dutch and much easier to say and much more mysterious than St. Nicholas. There are a few folk who do not believe in him, but they do not know. He is the most real thing there is, and he works in our hearts and upon our minds, accomplishing great things, if we only will let him do so.

St. Nicholas lived about sixteen hundred years ago. His home was in Asia Minor, and he was a bishop. He is a Saint in the Greek church and his day is December 6th. He is the patron saint of Russia; also of children and sailors. He became famous as a giver of presents to young people because of an incident said to be historical. A nobleman had three daughters, but was very poor. Therefore none of the knights would marry the girls, and St. Nicholas, hearing of this, threw a bag of gold three nights in succession through an open window in the nobleman's house, each bag being the dowry of one of the girls. The nobleman caught him in the act on the last night, but St. Nicholas made him promise not to betray his secret, and so the daughters were married and lived happy ever after. From this a pretty custom arose of giving presents to children unexpectedly on the night of December 6th, but after a time the practice was changed from that day to Christmas Eve, and children, hearing how the good Saint had been so kind to the nobleman's daughters when he was alive, readily believed that he would be equally kind to them when he had become a Saint, and so that he would know where to put his presents, they hung up their stockings or set out their shoes where he could find them. It was about the time of St. Nicholas that Christmas began to be generally observed on December 25th. Previous to that period there had been a diversity of practice in the different countries where Christianity was professed, some churches celebrating it in the summer months, others in January, and others in October. At length December 25th was agreed upon as the day to be kept, probably because it corresponded with the pagan festivities of Yuletide and the Saturnalia. The term "Noel" used in connection with Christmas is the French name of the day and comes from the Latin Dies Natalis, which means the birthday. And this is how we got Christmas and the legend of Santa Claus.

A wonderful thing about Christmas is the manner in which it is strengthening its hold upon the affections of the people. One might have supposed the facts would be otherwise. We are all getting so intensely practical that if we had decided to abolish Christmas and banish Santa Claus no one could have been in the least surprised. But we make more of the day than ever and keep up the fiction of the bountiful Saint with a persistency exhibited in nothing else. There are a few poor timid souls, who would not let children believe in Santa Claus, because they think it is calculated to teach them to be untruthful; but bless their good hearts, they never made a bigger blunder. It is a most wholesome thing for little children to get into their minds the idea that there is a mysterious Giver of Good Things, who loves little ones and blesses them. When they grow old enough to detect the pious fraud of Santa Claus they will have learned the sweetness of giving in secret, and be the better for it, especially if they constitute themselves into a Santa Claus for children younger than themselves. The cult of Santa Claus is not dying; it is stronger than ever and it will endure as long as love finds a place in our hearts, and this will be as long as there are little children.

The increased interest taken in Christmas proves that the sentiment underlying it is stronger than ever. What is it that we are doing today? We are commemorating the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem. There are tens of thousands doing so, who have hardly since they were children at their mother's knees given Him a serious thought. They join in the celebration, not because it is a religious festival but because it is a day which men are devoting every year more and more to peace and good will, and thus they are unconsciously fulfilling the Gospel. The story of the Angel Messengers is one of the most beautiful in all literature. The shepherds were watching in the field when they heard the "Multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward men." And so those who devote today to thoughts of peace and goodwill, and who during the past few days, or perhaps weeks, have been thinking how they could make this festive season one of happiness to some one else, have been illustrating in practice the principle underlying the whole Gospel, and in so doing they have been giving glory to God in the highest as mankind only can give it, for it is not by words of prayer and praise that God is most truly glorified, but by works of love. Thus Christmas is by its influence making us all more Christ-like.

A BUILDING RECORD.

The Halifax Chronicle says that the claim made for the city in which it is published, that "it leads the Dominion for the year in the volume of building constructed in proportion to the population," is borne out by "comparison of construction figures of the different cities and towns of Canada." The estimate of construction for Halifax for the year is \$730,000, exclusive of buildings begun last year and finished this year, "and if such were included the total would sum up to one million dollars or very near it." The permits for the first eleven months of the year were 604 and the value of the buildings for which they were granted was \$715,575. Halifax has a population of about 42,000. It was slightly over 40,000 in 1901, and we assume it has increased since then. This gives an average per capita value of construction of \$17, not a bad showing by any means.

Now let us look at what Victoria has to show for the same period, and upon precisely the same basis as Halifax. We think we have about 40,000 people living in Victoria and its suburbs, but in the city proper, from which alone it is possible to get returns, there are probably under 35,000 people. In the first eleven months of this year there were issued 528 building permits, and the value of the structures was \$1,017,000 which may be stated at \$30 per capita. The number of permits in Victoria was one to every 68 people; in Halifax it was one to every 70 people. Tabulated the case stands this way:

Victoria:—	
Number of buildings .. .	528
Value .. .	\$1,017,000
Average value .. .	1,927
Proportion number to population .. .	1 to 68
Value per capita .. .	\$30
Halifax:—	
Number of buildings .. .	604
Value .. .	\$730,000
Average value .. .	1,184
Proportion number to population .. .	1 to 70
Value per capita .. .	\$17

Thus we see that on all points Victoria's record is in advance of that of Halifax. If we could include the suburbs, the showing would be even more favorable to Victoria. We do not claim for Victoria that it makes the best showing of any city in Canada; but we do say that it makes a showing that is full of satisfaction and encouragement.

TRAILS IN THE ISLAND.

In the observations made by Mr. Sutton before the Board of Trade committee yesterday morning, he laid special stress upon the necessity for making trails to open the interior of Vancouver Island to prospectors and others. Notwithstanding the fact that the island has about 7,000 miles of coast line, and no part of it is more than 20 miles in a direct line from the sea, the interior is practically inaccessible for lack of trails. The forest growth is so dense that prospectors can hardly get through it, and to carry enough food to enable them to remain in the interior for any length of time, is entirely out of the question. The suggestion that such trails should be made is by no means a new one. Every administration has had its attention directed to the necessity for them, but always the difficulty has been the expense. We suggest to the present administration the importance of the proposed work, which is one of the things that the new Minister will have to grapple with. The proposal is not that expensive roads shall be made, but only pack trails which would not cost more than from \$50 to \$100 per mile. One of the suggested trails would be from some part of Nootka Sound across the island to meet the trails or roads on the east side, and from this other trails could be extended north and south. We do not propose that a complete system shall be undertaken next year, but only that when a beginning is made, and this, we submit, ought not to be delayed, a definite plan should be formed. We commend this matter to the careful consideration of the Minister of Public Works and his colleagues.

Same to you!

It will soon be all over but the indigestion.

Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow—the shopkeepers will prepare to total up their accounts.

The labor leaders of the United States are about to illustrate that they are superior to the laws on the statute books of that country. To the discerning mind there appears to be an element of danger in the situation.

If the Sikhs go to Louisiana they will add another factor to the color problem of the South.

Phonographs ought to be barred from the Kaiser's Christmas stocking this morning.

The marine department enquiry is closed. This is Santa Claus' Christmas present to the Laurier government.

The Kaiser, Castro, the Yellow Peril, the Balkan embroglio, etc., simply won't be "in it" today with turkey, as an absorbing attraction for the masses.

The death knell of Turkey resounds throughout the land, and it will take more than the granting of a constitution to save him today.

"Backward, turn backward, O Time in your flight; make me a child again, just for tonight." This is the one day in the year, above all others, when the adult members of the population are really envious of the rising generation.

An Ottawa despatch says it is not thought necessary to send Judge Cassels to the Pacific coast. This being a season of good will, we shall suppose that the explanation is that officials out here are above "grafting," and we are strongly of the opinion that they are.

That Winnipeg is getting to be something more than the mere hub of the greatest wheat-growing area in the world is shown by the Industrial Bureau of that city. There are 144 profitably operating factories located there; the output in manufacturing in 1900 was \$8,606,248, and in 1905 \$18,983,248, and it is the home of about 1,900 commercial travellers.

The postoffice department shows a surplus on the year's business of \$1,082,301. This is the greatest surplus "that has been." The estimate is that \$9,011,000 letters have been posted in Canada during the year, which is more than one a week for every man, woman and child in the country. We have 446 more postoffices this year than last. Mr. Lemieux will not have many apologies to make when the House meets.

Mr. Sutton told the Vancouver Island Development committee of the Board of Trade some things yesterday which corroborates the opinion that this island is easily the most valuable area of its size on the face of the globe. But at present it is as immune from attack by the capitalist, the homeseeker and the prospector as Tibet, owing to the lack of trails and roadways.

Well informed observers of the British political situation declare that when Parliament reassembles after the Christmas holidays Premier Asquith will prepare a bill to arrange for the passage of laws through the Commons over the Lords' veto, in cases where two-thirds or three-fourths majorities can be secured. As it is considered a foregone conclusion that the Lords will reject it, the Liberal cabinet proposes to resign. A general election would then follow, and the chief issue would be the reform of the Upper House.

Interviewed at Le Mans, France, the other day, respecting the achievements in aerial navigation during 1908, Mr. Wilbur Wright said: "If we show the world what we have been enabled to accomplish within the twelve months we shall receive all sorts of necessary encouragement to go on. The extremes of our achievements this year are represented by M. Farman's flight of 1,000 yards Jan. 13 last at the one end and my trip of ninety-five miles this afternoon. As to height we have accomplished everything from sixty to 400 feet. Under these circumstances it would be rash for anybody to prophesy what we shall not do in the course of 1909 and 1910."

The proposal to establish a Japanese farming community in Alberta will bring up in acute form the whole question of Japanese immigration. The promoter of the project says that he will have to secure the assent of the Dominion government before he can carry out his plans, and the granting or withholding of that assent will be the measure of the sincerity of the Dominion government in dealing with the immigration question. We suppose the people of Alberta will have something to say on the subject. They would do well to consider if they think it desirable to permit the inauguration of Japanese colonies in that province.

We find in the Montreal Witness this further information respecting the successful experiments for the preservation of milk, to which we had a reference yesterday: "The milk was treated at the Dairy School by means of a milk purifier, known as the Gaulin machine, which is made in France, and costs about \$1,000 landed in Canada. After undergoing this treatment, the milk is not only thoroughly sterilized, but its elements are reduced to atoms, and by this means become so mixed that no cream rises to the surface. A result of this 'atomizing' is that when the milk is put into bottles and sealed it will remain perfectly good in any climate for years, as long as the bottle is sealed, and will keep sweet and good for from one to two days after the bottle is opened."

John Bull is taking very seriously Lord Roberts' warning of the possibility of an invasion of England, and the Territorial Force Association is busily engaged in the work of recruiting. The association's appeal is signed by

the Duke of Effe, son-in-law of King Edward, and Lord Esher. It enumerates the "attractions" of military life, such as young citizens of the United Kingdom enjoy in their militia organizations. It describes the benefits to be derived from manly exercise and camping out in the open air every year, and the satisfaction that is naturally felt in serving one's country. It also refers to the fact that the volunteers will be paid the regular army rate while in camp, and concludes with the grim warning that military service must be either voluntary or compulsory and that it is for the country to make its choice now.

That the word "strenuous," as descriptive of the life of a president of the United States is no misnomer, was pointed out the other day by Senator Bourne, of Oregon, in explaining his bill for an increase of salary. He declared that he also would make the extra-hazardous risk of the position a basis for the justice of his bill. He said that while the salary of today's business manager is measured by the magnitude of the enterprise as well as by his fitness, the president's salary has never borne any relatively adequate proportion to the mental and physical work and worry of the position, which are annually increasing. "The president is charged," he added, "with graver and greater responsibilities than any other person in the world. The cares, attentiveness, alertness and elimination of personal interest necessary for good service are a continuous and terrifying strain on the mental and physical vigor of the chief executive. The tenure of life of the president since and including the elder Harrison has decreased perceptibly."

The announcement that the famous vocalist, Miss Alice Neelsen, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, has occasioned great surprise, as it was assumed that her earnings during her long career on the stage must have been considerable. Miss Neelsen is well and favorably known in Canada. A few years ago she was understudy to Miss Hilda Clarke, as Maid Marian in Reginald De Koven's "Robin Hood," and made such an impression in the role, both vocally and histrionically, that she was at once installed as leading soprano in the company. Her next successes were in the Victor Herbert operas, "The Fortune Teller" and "Singing Girl." Then Miss Neelsen went to Europe to study and shortly afterwards created quite a furore as a singer in London drawing rooms. It was about this time that Mr. Henry Russell, the impresario, heard her, and induced the singer to become a member of his San Carlo Grand Opera company, and with this company she sang in Montreal, Toronto and other Canadian cities, creating the greatest enthusiasm. It was announced recently that Miss Neelsen would soon be heard in an all-star cast of Balfe's old classic, the "Bohemian Girl."

Answering a query for the names and religious denomination of each member of the Dominion government as at present constituted, the Montreal Witness publishes the following information, which is of general interest: "Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier (Roman Catholic); Minister of Trade and Commerce, Sir Richard Cartwright (Church of England); Secretary of State, the Hon. Charles Murphy (Roman Catholic); Minister of Finance, the Hon. W. S. Fielding (Baptist); Minister of Militia and Defence, Sir Frederick Borden (Church of England); Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. Sydney Fisher (Church of England); Minister of Customs, the Hon. Wm. Paterson (Independent); Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the Hon. L. P. Brodeur (Roman Catholic); Minister of the Interior, the Hon. Frank Oliver (Presbyterian); Minister of Justice, the Hon. A. B. Aylesworth (Methodist); Postmaster-General, the Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux (Roman Catholic); Minister of Inland Revenue, not appointed since the election, when the Hon. Wm. Templeman was defeated; Minister of Public Works, the Hon. William Pugsley (Church of England); Minister of Railways and Canals, the Hon. George P. Graham (Methodist).

One of the saddest phases of the Preston Noise is the fact that the press of Canada refuses to treat it seriously. Thus the Montreal Witness says: "According to Mr. Preston himself he has been an innocent victim of unfair criticism, which has followed him to three continents, and no wonder he is getting tired of it and would like to see it dropped. He desires this above all for the sake of his children, grandchildren, family connections and friends, and his good name, a very laudable desire which should be gratified by his adverse critics at this late date, especially if, as appears from his letter, he has lived a life of martyrdom, and in undeserved public obloquy, for many years. Mr. Preston's letter is a human document of the greatest interest. The history of the inception of the 'underground railway' for immigrants from the despotism of Europe has some local color imparted to it by raising the curtain on the conspirators assembled in a lone castle in Scotland's most gruesome glen. Whatever is to be said about such a scheme as was entered into for circumventing governments that forbade emigration agencies, there can be no question that having entered into personal relations with agents, philanthropic and other, in those countries, it would have been the basest of treason to yield to the demand to betray them."

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NOTE AND COMMENT

That Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists are being led seriously to face the problem of church union, and that gradually but no less surely progress is being made towards that end was shown in an address delivered at Montreal the other day by Rev. Dr. Shaw. To quote from the Montreal Gazette's report:

The basis of union was almost finished and ready to go to the general assembly of the Presbyterian church next May, and to the Congregational union of Canada in July. It would also have to go before the Methodist general conference, which did not meet until 1910. Because it took time to accomplish a thing like church union, it is not surprising that it was dying. It could not be accomplished in a hurry. There had never been anything like it in the history of the church. The spirit of unity was abroad in the churches. Think of the millions of acres up west, which would be filled up by teeming millions, and they were all crying out for preachers; some of them for almost any kind. "Do give us a service," they say, "or we shall become heathens in five years." What was the sense of these denominations all vying with each other, and sending four or five preachers? What was the sense of taxing our missionary revenue? Let them go as a united people in the name of God, and let them go in harmony and in devotion to the King of Kings, and claim that vast domain for Christ's kingdom. There was a proposal by some of federal co-operation and not organic union. It had been tried and failed. The only thing that would successfully solve the difficulties was church union. Let them maintain a spirit of catholicity, charity, kindly feeling towards each other. He believed if all the denominations were thus inspired God would, in a few years, bring them into organic union.

Great alarm is said to have been created in transportation circles in New York by the discovery that the C.P.R. has actually invaded the metropolis and is taking about 250 tons of freight daily for the west by way of the New Haven railway. The situation is thus outlined in the following press despatch:

Railroads of the United States are absolutely helpless to prevent this competition which is backed by shorter lines, low capitalization and a record of management free from graft. The New Haven will be asked to fix prohibitive rates on Canadian Pacific business, but if it does so the Canadian Pacific can smash the tariffs and demoralize every railroad in the north-west for the earth is round like a ball. The situation developed is very serious and comes as a surprise only because it is a year sooner than expected. Now Wall street will find out whether the matter is of any importance. It is of vastly more importance than the fact that a few stock operators are building a new smelter. It is a basic trouble. It may put an entirely new face on the situation in the stock market. It is an invasion that the interstate-commerce commission cannot control. It is possible that the real reason for the weakness of the stock market the last few days has been due to a realization by the Standard Oil people of the importance of the Canadian Pacific move. All theories of the stock market's immediate future as published in this column have been formulated without knowledge that the Canadian Pacific was progressing so rapidly in its plans. It was not supposed that the Canadian connection would be felt for a year at least. It is necessary therefore to re-consider very carefully the possible developments of the new situation. The stock market is taken by surprise. It is in the hands of men who, in the past have proved themselves marvels of financial power and strategy. They will undoubtedly meet the situation with a heroic show of strength and unconcern.

Acids and Fat.

Fatty foods are not generally accounted as of a palatable character, but it is a matter of some physiological interest that they often form an acceptable combination with an acid substance. Many people, for example, would refuse to eat a slice of very fat bacon unless it were accompanied by a grilled or sautéed tomato. The acidity or acid flavor of the fruit seems in some way or other not merely to mask the richness of the fatty substance, but positively to combine with it in some mysterious way an agreeable flavor. The temptation to eat again, to eat cream alone, says The Lancet, is not very great but the same person completely yields when the same cream is combined with fruit. How rarely, too, is roast pork served without the tart apple sauce. To serve it with neutral sauce is of course, a vulgar error. Instances could be multiplied, but there are innumerable acid jellies served with certain rich meats; altogether the demand for combining with a rich fatty food an acid substance would seem to be the logical outcome of a dietetic necessity. Considering the ordinary assimilative process of the body and the chemical and physiological actions involved therein, it would not appear that the association of an acid substance with fats could assist in their digestion. On the contrary the digestion of fat takes place in an alkaline environment. It is the very reason for supposing that acids affect the chemical or physical condition of fat in a way that would prepare it favorably for assimilation. It is more probable, our contemporary thinks, that, after all, the question is one entirely of palate. Chemists can tell us of no neutralizing power of sugar over acids, and yet the addition of sugar to a tart beverage often makes it drinkable. Conversely, a beverage that is "heavy" or mawkish because of its sweetness, may be made less sweet or "dry" by the addition of acid. A familiar illustration of this is the very excellent beverage known as a "fruit squaw." If it is too sweet the addition of more lemon juice suffices to reduce the sweet taste; if it is too acid then more sugar is added to suppress the tartness.—Weekly Globe.

The Highwayman—Hands up! I've got you covered.
The Public Man (much frightened)—Wh-what have you got there?
The Highwayman—A revolver.
The Public Man (much relieved)—Oh, that's all right, I was afraid it might be a compromising letter.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Gypsy and browntail moths are more than ever a menace to foliage in Maine and New Hampshire and the Legislature will be asked for larger sums to fight them.

FORTY YEARS AGO

(The British Colonist, Friday, Dec. 25, 1868)
No paper will be issued from this office tomorrow.
We congratulate the guests of our friends on the other side of James Bay. Today there will be a footbridge laid to permit of foot-passengers crossing. The new bridge makes steady progress, two of the piers being already completed in a very substantial manner. The structure when completed will be a great credit to the city.

From New Westminster—The steamer Enterprise returned from New Westminster yesterday afternoon with twenty passengers—Mr. Justice Begbie in the list. Over forty thousand dollars came down by express and a large amount in the hands of private persons.
Let us on this joyous occasion bear well in mind that life is not made up merely of frivolity and ambition; that we are not placed here solely for the gratification of our senses, but that there are higher and nobler things to be done. The sick are to be visited, the suffering are to be comforted, the poor are to be relieved, the world is to be made better and happier because of our having lived in it; and we are to remember One "who went about doing good," and follow His example as closely as we can, so that with better resolves and purer purposes to guide us we may make not only today but every day of the New Year so soon to dawn a Merry Christmas.

ABOUT PEOPLE

It is not generally known that Queen Alexandra, who celebrated her birthday recently, is generally considered the most versatile of all the Royal ladies of Europe. Indeed her interests and activities are almost infinite, and she excels as a musician, a needlewoman, a "whip," a water-color artist, a philanthropist, and, above all, a mother and mistress of a Royal household. Of late years the Queen has shown a great interest in fencing, and formerly took lessons in this graceful art from one of the best known fencing masters in the country. Her Majesty's agility with the foils is remarkable, and she has been described by her instructor as a "born fencer."

Referring to the recent remarks in M. A. P. on royalties as collectors, a correspondent sends the interesting information that Queen Alexandra, like the King, has a fine collection of walking sticks, some of which are beautifully jewelled, while others have the handles handsomely carved with pretty designs. Her Majesty also has a large collection of the portraits of her friends and relatives, but probably her most curious hobby is the keeping of the different styles of hats and bonnets which she has worn for the last twenty years. Every hat or bonnet is carefully ticketed, and upon each ticket are the dates of the most important occasions on which that particular hat or bonnet was worn by its Royal owner.

King Haakon of Norway, who has lately been on a visit to England, is one of the most democratic of monarchs, which fact is probably due to his naval training. He has a great dislike for all forms of ostentation, and when he first came to the throne he abolished the prerogative of "Your Excellency" for Ministers and other dignitaries, and even, it is said, desired to dispense with the title of Majesty. It was no doubt due to this that he was at first known among his people as "Mr. King," and his geniality and lack of affectation have done much to endear him to the Norwegians.

Queen Maud, who, by the way, celebrated her birthday the other day, is almost as democratic as her husband, and is an ardent believer in the simple life. In the days when she was Princess Charles of Denmark, she was noted for her unaffected manners. "I sometimes get tired of being royal," she once remarked, "especially when I am looking at the waxworks." One day, so the story goes, she was bidding good-bye to a relative on a railway station platform, when she noticed a newspaper reporter scribbling away in his notebook. Taking a notebook from her own pocket, the Princess wrote something in it with a pencil, tore the leaf out, and let it fall casually to the ground. Seizing his opportunity, the reporter picked up the piece of paper, hoping no doubt to find some valuable piece of news upon it. But his surprise may be imagined when this is what he read: "I wish I were a reporter."

Like the Empress of Germany, Queen Victoria of Sweden is a great housekeeper, and says "A. P." in her youth at Baden her mother saw to it that she received practical instruction in the art of cooking. One of the happiest hours of her stay at Windsor was consequently spent in inspecting the huge kitchens, whose size and perfect equipment are a source of amazement to all privileged to see them. The organization and discipline of the staff are as perfect as those of a man-of-war, and the absence of waste, haste and flurry comes as a revelation to even the most carefully-trained of Continental housewives.

The news of a turn for the better in the grave illness of Sir Walter Hely-Hutchinson, governor of the Cape Colony, is very welcome. He is suffering from pneumonia, which is only too easily contracted in that climate of sudden changes of temperature between day and night. Sir Walter has been governor of the Cape for seven years, but he has been almost continuously in South Africa since 1893, when he was appointed governor of Natal. He is the second son of the fourth Earl of Donoughmore, and a Harrow and Cambridge man, with strong tastes for scholarship, sport, and diplomacy. He used to play polo well, and is still a good shot. Every- body likes him, and if he has not the bluff heartiness of Sir Hercules Robinson (afterwards Lord Rossmore), the imposing dignity of Lord Loch, or the political importance of Lord Milner, he has a keen judgment, an immense amount of tact, and a ready resourcefulness which are all his own.—Belfast Whig.

Mr. Taft was 47 years old when he entered Yale, and had just passed his majority when he was graduated with the class of '78. Numerically '78 was almost the largest class in the history of the institution. Of its 185 members 123 graduated. There are now 96 of the graduate members living. "While Mr. Taft dominates the class physically," writes the class historian, "his even at that time, was a dominating mentality as well." Scholastic and social honors came to him unstintedly.

BRITISH OPINION

London Times: Various proposals have from time to time been made with a view to reform of the constitution of the House of Lords, but the report to the select committee which we publish today embodies the first scheme that has come before the House and the country, as the result of mature deliberation by a body of peers who may be regarded fairly as representative of the opinion of the House at large. It is true that the Government declined the attempt to modernize and strengthen the House of Lords, and it is a matter for regret that the Lord Chancellor, Lord Crewe, and Lord Morley did not take part in the deliberations of the committee. Still, it cannot be said that the Liberal party was not tolerably represented in a body which contained Lord Selby, Lord Courtney of Penwith, and Lord Ribblesdale, and which had for its chairman Lord Rosebery, whose directing hand may be traced on every page of the report. This committee was appointed upon the failure of Lord Newton's Bill last year, and it is no small tribute to the perspicacity of that indefatigable advocate of reform that the recommendations of the committee bear a very close resemblance to the provisions of his Bill. It is interesting to note that what may be called the main principle of the scheme now formulated—the limitation of the hereditary right to legislate—carried the assent of the whole committee, with the solitary exception of Lord Halsbury. That fact goes far to show that the subject is regarded by the Peers from a public standpoint, and that they are not unduly blinded by the prejudices supposed to belong to their class. The delegation of the powers of the peerage to elected representatives was accepted by all sections of the committee.

CHRISTMAS MORN

"Christians, awake. Salute the happy morn,
Whereon the Saviour of mankind was born.
Rise to adore the mystery of love,
Which hosts of angels chanted from above.
With them the joyful tidings first begun
Of God Incarnate and the Virgin's Son.
Then to the watchful shepherds
It was told
Who heard the angelic herald's voice: Behold!
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth,
To you and all the nations upon earth.
This day hath God fulfilled His promised word,
This day is born a Saviour—Christ the Lord.

"He spake, and straightway the celestial choir
In hymns of joy, unknown before, began.
The praises of redeeming love they sang,
And heaven's whole orb with alleluias rang.
God's highest glory was their anthem still:
Peace upon earth, and unto men, good-will.

"To Bethlehem straight, the enlightened shepherds ran
To see the wonders God had wrought for man.
Then to their flocks, still praising God, return,
And their glad hearts with holy rapture burn.
To all the joyful tidings they proclaim:
The first apostles of the Saviour's name.

"Oh! may we keep and ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind.
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,
From the poor manger to the bitter cross.
Tread in His steps, assisted by His grace,
Till man's first heavenly state again takes place.

Then may we hope, the angelic hosts among,
To join, redeemed, a glad triumphant throng.
He that was born upon this joyful day,
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to open a wide door to personal merit or distinction in the public service. The two Archbishops are to sit by right during their tenure of their sees, but the rest of the episcopate are to choose eight of their number to represent them. Finally there are to be life peers, not exceeding forty in number, not more than four to be created in any one year. Their creation gives the opportunity to bring to the service of the country men of ability who do not meet the conditions of admission to the house previously indicated. It is computed that under this scheme the House of Lords would consist of something under 400 members, made up thus:—Three peers of the blood royal, 200 representative peers elected for one Parliament, 130 qualified hereditary peers, 10 spiritual peers 6 Lords of Appeal in ordinary, and life peers gradually brought up to but not exceeding 40. The House of Lords would thus be reduced to about two-thirds of its present normal strength. Only one-half of it would represent the hereditary element pure and simple, and that half would be placed under conditions tending to stimulate reliance upon something more than hereditary right. The other half of the House would represent personal merit, character, distinction, or eminent public services, whether in an official or non-official capacity. The committee believe that in this way not only would the best men in the country be brought together to give their attention to legislation but that at the same time there would be a great equalizing of party influence. The committee do not aim at any mechanical adjustment of the majority in the House of Lords to correspond with that in the House of Commons, but they desire that the Government of the day should always have a substantial following in the House of Lords. Friction would probably be greatly reduced by the cumulative effect of the changes proposed. The committee were tempted to go further and seek a mode of solving the difficulty of a possible deadlock by a referendum or otherwise, but they were so equally divided upon that point that they agreed to regard it as beyond the limits imposed by their order of reference.

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Righetti Brands Dante Jacopo's Story as a Lying Invention.

In the ambition of an indifferent versemaker to pose as a great poet is to be found the reason for the forgery which Prof. Luigi Righetti claims to have discovered in Dante's "Commedia," whittes a London correspondent.

Dante's son Jacob is recorded by Boecaccio to have been anxious to re-write thirteen cantos of the "Commedia" which were supposed to have been lost, and Prof. Righetti suspects Jacopo of having hidden the manuscript of those missing cantos. He brands the whole story of the appearance of Dante to his son after death and the miraculous recovery of the missing cantos as a lying invention on the part of Jacopo, who for some reason or other had at the last moment balked at passing off his father's poetry as his own.

Jacopo, however, says Prof. Righetti, did not hesitate to interpolate his indifferent verse in his father's great poem. Not only is Canto XI, in his opinion, a forgery, but also the first strophe in Canto XX.

Jacopo also was anxious to air his knowledge of the ethics of Aristotle and to find a place in the poems for his theory of the author's intention. The insertion of Canto XI, according to Prof. Righetti, shows an intention to enunciate a scientific system to which the different sins and their respective punishment could be reduced. Unfortunately the forger failed to invent a system which exactly squared with Dante's own distribution of sinners and their punishments and Prof. Righetti points out serious discrepancies between the division of sins in Canto I. and in other parts of the narrative.

Prof. Righetti also argues ingeniously that Canto XI, throws the chronology of the whole "Commedia" out of order. That it can be annulled without loss and even with advantage to the poem as a whole, that it contains phrases and expressions quite un-Dantesque, that it is of inferior merit to the rest of the poem are other arguments which Prof. Righetti develops at length in his book, "Di un Canto Falso nella Commedia di Dante," the publication of which has caused a tremendous sensation among Dante students in Italy.

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Solemn Service at St. Barnabas

A special service was held last evening and very early this morning in St. Barnabas church, beginning at 11.30 o'clock and closing shortly after 12.30 a.m. The rector, the Rev. E. G. Miller, who officiated, in his brief address to the congregation at midnight, observed that it behooved them as the faithful servants of their Lord and Master, whose appearance in mortal form was at that moment being commemorated amid the most solemn circumstances, to be always in a state of watchful preparation and in willing readiness for His second coming, which they were told might occur at any hour, even at midnight, or at cock-crowing, while even as the shepherds to whom they were watching their flocks by night upon the hills near Bethlehem, the Angels announced the birth of the Saviour of the world,

came into the presence of Our Lord as He lay in the manger, so should, and did they feel during their attendance upon the Holy Rite of communion, His presence in their very midst.

Forester's Christmas Tree

The Court Victoria A.O.F. Christmas tree entertainment and dance will be held tomorrow evening December 26, at 7.30 in the A.O.U.W. hall. The court members' children to the number of one hundred and fifty will receive a gift from the big tree. In addition to a programme rendered by the children, a number of adults will also take part, including Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Noakes. Messrs. Dobbie, Melville, Wright, Saunders, Noakes, Barden, Askey and Plowright.

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NEWS OF THE CITY

Gift to Home

The Home for Aged Women has been made the recipient of five tons of coal, the gift of Lieutenant-Governor Duns-muir.

Y.M.C.A. Christmas Dinner

Some sixty young men will partake of an excellent Christmas dinner in the Y.M.C.A. auditorium at noon today.

Open for Business

Though Saturday will be a holiday in governmental and banking circles, the City Hall will be open for business as usual.

Ticket Office Open

The uptown office of the Canadian Pacific Railway company will be open this morning from 11 to 1 o'clock for the convenience of the travelling public.

Capt. Tatlow Back

A telegram was received yesterday by the Premier, stating that the Hon. Capt. Tatlow, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, arrived in Vancouver last evening. He is expected in Victoria on Monday.

Blue Coats Remembered

The members of the local police force are being remembered in royal style by their many friends, and for the past few days many kind remembrances of the Christmas season have been sent to the stalwarts.

New Year's Dance.

To wind up the holiday festivities at the Empress hotel, the management of that popular hostelry are issuing invitations for a dance on New Year's Eve, on the conclusion of dinner. Tables for the latter may be booked by applying to the steward.

Local Student Successful

Cuthbert Holmes, who recently matriculated from Victoria college, has passed the examinations entitling him to admission to Balliol college, Oxford. Word was received to this effect yesterday. Mr. Holmes is a son of Judge Holmes, late of the Indian civil service, and a grandson of H. Dumbleton, of this city.

Voters' List Settled

The municipal court of revision held a formal session yesterday morning, when the mayor certified to the municipal voters' list as correct, and it is now ready for the printer. In order, however, to facilitate Mr. Peirson's appeal regarding the men over fifty before the magistrate, Wm. Scowcroft is getting out a list of those thus affected, so that the whole class may be dealt with together.

Christmas Drawing

A Christmas drawing was held at Smith & Champion's store, Douglas street, last evening, when winners were declared as follows: 1st prize, a White sewing machine, No. 103; 2nd, a mahogany parlor cabinet, No. 5026; 3rd, Morris reclining chair, No. 6802; 4th, rattan rocker, No. 7249; 5th, mohair hearth rug, No. 6799. It is desired that those who hold tickets bearing the foregoing numbers should make application for their awards as soon as possible.

A Card of Thanks

The sisters of St. Joseph's hospital wish to extend their most sincere thanks and Yuletide wishes to the many friends of the institution who have proved themselves such particularly during the year just closing. The liberal donations made to the hospital, especially since the opening of the new wing, is a renewed mark of the warm heartedness of Victorians, and an additional obligation of gratitude on the part of the Sisters. To all who have contributed to the encouragement and success of St. Joseph's, our medical friends holding by just claim the first rank. The Sisters return heartfelt thanks and best wishes of a thrice Merry Christmas.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Nelson.

The remains of the late Mrs. Annie Hazelton Nelson, were laid to rest yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, Oak Bay avenue, at 2.30 o'clock and at Christ Church Cathedral at 3 o'clock, where service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Beaudlands, assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon Scriven at the church, the former conducted the funeral service at the grave. The following hymns were sung: "My God, My Father, While I stray, and 'Nearer, My God, to Thee.' There was a large attendance of friends, and many beautiful flowers being presented. The following acted as pallbearers: E. E. Billingham, J. P. Yates, J. Forman, T. W. Paterson, J. A. Alkman, H. G. Wilson.

Clarke.

The funeral of the late Margaret Clarke took place yesterday morning from the Hanna parlors at 9 a.m. The services were held in the Roman Catholic cathedral by the Rev. Father Dabant. The interment took place in the Bay cemetery, and the pallbearers were J. Walker, H. Brown, C. McDonald, S. Eastman.

Fea.

The funeral of the late Henry Fea took place yesterday afternoon from the Hanna parlors at 2 p.m. The services were conducted by the Rev. Cooper in St. Saviour church at 2.30 p.m. There was a large gathering of friends, the late Mr. Fea being widely known. The military from Work Point were present and the cortege proceeded to the Soldiers' cemetery, where interment took place.

Dow.

The funeral of the late Annie Dow took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. from the family residence, 425 Superior street. The Rev. Dr. Reid will officiate.



THE WEATHER

Meteorological office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., December 24, 1908: SYNOPSIS.

The pressure is again filling up in the North Pacific States but low pressure areas are traversing the greater portion of British Columbia and causing a continuance of unsettled weather. Snow has fallen at Dawson and Barkerville and heavy rains have fallen from Vancouver Island southward to the Columbia river. A fresh southwesterly gale has prevailed during the day on the outside waters. In the Prairie provinces the weather continues to be chiefly fair with seasonable temperatures.

TEMPERATURE.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	39	45
Vancouver	33	42
New Westminster	33	42
Kamloops	22	28
Barkerville	28	30
Atlin	20	30
Dawson	15	below zero
Calgary, Alta.	15	20
Winnipeg, Man.	11	26
Portland, Ore.	38	46
San Francisco, Cal.	46	52

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific Time) Friday:
Victoria and Vicinity: Moderate or fresh southerly winds, unsettled with rain and not much change in temperature.
Lower Mainland: Southerly winds, chiefly cloudy with showers and not much change in temperature.

THURSDAY.

Highest 45
Lowest 39
Mean 42
Rain, .33 inch, sunshine, 30 minutes.

TIDE TABLE

Victoria, B.C., December, 1908.									
Date	Time	High	Time	High	Time	High	Time	High	Time
1	2.36	2.8	10	27.8	8.16	57.6	19.4	24.6	6.6
2	3.25	3.8	10	24.5	8.8	17.4	17.5	22.48	6.3
3	4.13	4.8	11	08.8	8.19	18.32	3.4		
4	1.12	6.5	10	5.5	5.8	11.32	9.0	19.13	3.4
5	3.01	7.1	10	5.5	6.1	11.32	9.0	19.43	2.7
6	4.20	7.6	6.39	7.4	12.17	9.5	20.24	7.7	
7	5.29	8.1	7.24	8.0	12.38	9.7	21.01	4.7	
8	6.34	8.4	8.05	8.4	12.58	9.7	21.37	0.6	
9									
10						13.31	9.4	22.56	1.4
11	8.54	8.9	11.10	8.8	13.40	9.0	23.37	1.8	
12	9.46	9.0							
13	0.18	2.4	10	8.9					
14	0.58	3.0	10	11.8					
15	1.37	3.7	10	10.4	8.8				
16	2.15	4.5	10	11.8	8.7	19.53	5.6	21.38	5.7
17	2.50	5.2	10	11.8	8.7	19.53	5.6	21.38	5.7
18			10	14.6	8.9	18.52	4.4		
19			11	08.9	9.1	19.09	3.6		
20			11	13.1	9.4	19.36	2.7		
21			11	13.1	9.4	19.36	2.7		
22			12	22.11	0.0	22.43	1.2		
23			12	30.10	2.2	22.07	0.7		
24			13	24.10	2.2	22.04	0.5		
25	7.30	6.7	9.17	8.6	14.10	12.2	49.0	7.7	
26	7.54	8.10	35	8.6	14.4	4.2	9.6	23.36	1.1
27	8.13	8.9	12.04	8.3	15.31	3.1	8.9		
28	0.25	1.8	8.32	9.0	13.39	7.7	16.30	8.0	
29	1.14	2.7	8.54	9.1	15.06	7.7	16.30	8.0	
30	1.59	3.8	9.19	9.1	16.19	5.8	21.03	6.3	
31	2.40	6.0	9.45	9.2	17.19	4.7			

The time used is Pacific Standard, for the 120th Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for high and low tide are reduced.

The height is in feet and tenths of a foot, above the average level of the lowest Low Water in each month of the year. This level is half a foot lower than the datum to which the soundings on the admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are reduced.

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United States via Vancouver
Close—Daily, except Sunday, at 11.30 p.m.
Due—6 p.m. daily.
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Due—Dec. 3, 10, 14, 19, 23, 28.
Australia and New Zealand
Close—Dec. 4, 13.
Due—Dec. 4, 13.
Dawson, Atlin, White Horse, etc.
Close—Dec. 1, 9, 15, 18, 25, 29, 30.
Due—Uncertain.
Port Simpson, Prince Rupert, etc.
Close—1, 8, 14, 15, 22, 28.
Due—Dec. 1, 5, 10, 12, 18, 25, 28, 31.
West Coast Ports
Close—1, 10, 20.
Due—Dec. 5, 18, 27.
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Won Set of Silverware

Miss Flossie Webster, 344 Coburg street, won the set of silverware, the drawing for which took place last evening at the Niagara meat market at 8.30 o'clock. There was a large crowd in attendance.

To Cable Coin for London Poor

The balance of one hundred guineas will be cabled tomorrow by Mr. A. J. Brace to Sir John Kirk, the founder of the Ragged schools in London, England. In addition, certain expenses amounting to \$6.25, were incurred. These hundred guineas will provide Christmas dinners for children who are practically homeless waifs.

A family of six was made seriously ill in Vineland, N.J., by drinking milk that had stood several hours in the sun.

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REGIMENTAL ORDERS

Christmas Greetings From Lieut.-Col. Hall, Commanding

The following regimental orders were issued by Lieut.-Col. Holmes, commanding the Fifth Regiment C. G. A.:

District Order—The following extract from district order 123, paragraph 3, Dec. 17, is published for general information:

"Colonel J. G. Holmes, D. O. C., desires to convey to all ranks of the forces under his command his best wishes for the coming Christmas and New Year."

Company Drills—The regular drill season will commence on January 4th. The company drill nights being as heretofore: Mondays, No. 3 company; Tuesdays, No. 1 company; Wednesdays, No. 2 company.

Recruit Drill—Recruits will parade on Wednesday evenings, commencing January 13th, under Color Sergeant-Major Instructor Macdonald, R.C.G.A. Signallers—The signallers will parade under Captain S. Booth on Mondays, commencing January 11th.

Office—Office will be held as usual on Wednesday evenings, commencing January 4th, at 8.30 p.m.
(Signed) W. Ridgway-Wilson, major-adjutant 5th regiment, C. G. A.

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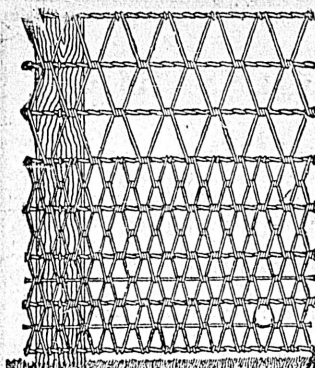
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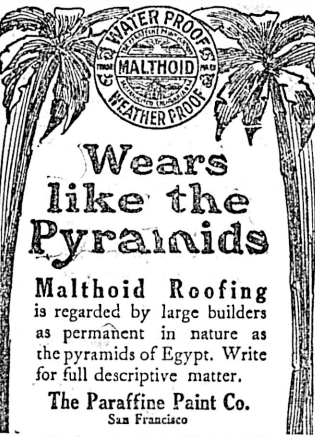
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Skyscrapers in Paris.

The Equitable Life Building, which
is in progress of erection at the cor-
ner of the Rue de la Paix and the
Boulevard des Capucines, Paris,
brought forth stormy denunciation in
the Chamber of Deputies. All the other
buildings at this place, including the
one which the Equitable Life offices
will replace, are uniform in architec-
ture, but the new building is built in a
different style and will rise two storeys
higher than its neighbors.

M. Chastenet, deputy from Gironde,
made a complaint, which was much
applauded.

"Paris is as yet," he said, "a most
beautiful city. However, it is being
botched. Its beautiful lines are being
destroyed, and all the laws are being
broken. Behind the buildings in the
Place de l'Étoile, which harmonize
with the Arc de Triomphe and form a
harmonious ensemble, some great
hotels have been raised, which have
destroyed the symmetry of the square
and dishonor it.

"How has this been possible? Be-
cause in 1902 a decree was passed
which permits the construction of
higher buildings. There is a hotel at
the Rue de Presbourg which is at
least five feet higher than is permitted.
The same thing is being done in the
Place de l'Opera. On the Boulevard
des Capucines immense structures are
being raised, which will destroy the
symmetry of the square.

"It is necessary to repeal the law of
1902 or modify it. I wish to know also
if the Ministry of Fine Arts is con-
sidering the plan for the new buildings
now under construction at the corner
of the Rue de la Paix and the Boul-
levard des Capucines."

In a few words M. Dujardin-Beau-
metz, minister of fine arts, reminded
the deputies that such questions be-
longed to the municipal council.

DAIRYMEN SUMMONED FOR DRIVING CATTLE

Bylaw Providing for a Permit
to Be Issued By Chief of
Police Attacked

Watson Clarke and Edwin Simpson,
two dairymen who live in the vicinity
of Oaklands avenue, were charged in
the police court yesterday with driv-
ing cattle through the streets without
having previously received a permit
from the chief of police, as required by
the Streets bylaw. Three residents of
that district gave evidence and there
was no disputing the facts of the case.
It seems that the complainant had laid
out a boulevard in front of his prop-
erty at her own expense, which was
being destroyed by the cattle, and
after several complaints had initiated
this prosecution.

H. D. Holmeken, K. C., and J. A.
Alkman appeared for the defense and
made a determined onslaught on the
bylaw. In the first place they claimed
that the council had delegated its pow-
ers under the Municipal Clauses Act
to the chief of police, which it could
not do. In the second place it was
argued that the provision requiring a
permit to be first received from the
chief of police gave an opening for fa-
voritism and even the establishment
of a monopoly which the law would
not permit. In support of this, among
other authorities, a case was cited in
which a bylaw was held invalid which
provided that before a slaughterhouse
was established leave must be given
by a special resolution of the city
council.

In reply, City Prosecutor Moore ar-
gued that the city had not delegated
its powers. It was authorized to make
bylaws on the subject. This it had
done, and the chief of police was a
proper person to see to its enforcement.
In regard to the second point, the dis-
tinction was drawn that the council
could not be forced to pass a special
resolution, and so the only relief ob-
tainable was the quashing of the by-
law. In this case the superior courts
would compel the chief to issue a per-
mit if it were improperly withheld, and
there was no authority for quashing a
bylaw where such an appeal existed.
The fact of there being an appeal took
away the possibility of the power being
oppressively exercised, which was the
only valid argument against the en-
actment.

The magistrate reserved his decision
with leave to the prosecutor to put in
authorities, as he had not had an op-
portunity to look into the cases on this
point.

WHOLE ISLAND A MINE OF WEALTH

Mr. Sutton Imparts Informa-
tion to Committee of the
Board of Trade

At a special session yesterday morn-
ing of the Vancouver Island Develop-
ment Committee of the Board of
Trade, W. J. Sutton, mineralogist for
the Wellington Colliery Co., who prob-
ably knows more about the island than
any man living, was present, and in
an informal talk imparted a fund of
information of the greatest value to
the committee. He gave it as his
opinion that the island was so rich
in resources as to warrant the most
serious combined effort on the part of
the Dominion and Provincial govern-
ment to open to the prospector,
the settler and the capitalist the un-
told wealth in natural resources lying
within its borders.

One of the things which Mr. Sutton
mentioned was that the coast line of
the island was no less than 7,000 miles
in extent, 5,000 of these lying on the
West Coast. This, he pointed out
at an advantage, the importance of which
it would be almost impossible to es-
timate, as it permitted access to the
resources of the country lying ad-
jacent to the shore line.

The island possesses, said Mr. Sutton,
more timber within its borders than
the whole of the mainland. For
many years the timber industry would
necessarily be the chief avenue for
the employment of capital and labor.
There was the best of reason for
thinking that the day was not far dis-
tant when the United States would re-
move the timber and once this was
done there would be a boom in
the lumbering industry on the island
which would eclipse anything
ever seen in Western Canada.

Rich in Minerals.
That the island was very rich in
minerals he knew of his own knowl-
edge, and after having spent many
years in prospecting and studying the
geological formation of the country
he had no hesitation in saying that
it would well repay governmental ef-
fort to take up seriously the question
of arriving at some comprehensive
knowledge of actualities in the matter.

He had no hesitation in saying fur-
ther that Vancouver Island was per-
haps the most difficult country in the
world to explore. The greater por-
tion of it, particularly those sections
lying along the West Coast, was cov-
ered with a dense undergrowth which
barred the way of the prospector and
the intending settler alike as by a
Chinese wall. It would require the
expenditure of much money to af-
ford the necessary facilities for get-
ting into the interior of the island,
but a start could be made by building
trails, and he strongly urged the com-
mittee to lose no time in pressing
upon the government action along this
line.

No Geological Map.
Replying to Mr. Luggin, Mr. Sutton
said there had never been prepared
a geological map of the island, though
an attempt had been made in this
direction in 1870. He had himself
made his own maps, for his personal
guidance. Recently some of the
geologists of the United States had
visited the island and had taken many
samples; and there were signs that

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In the future the country would re-
ceive more attention from such ex-
perts.

Col. Prior, the chairman, referring
to the necessity of trails with which
to get about the country, pointed out
to Mr. Sutton that the Provincial gov-
ernment had for years been urged to
make large appropriations for this
purpose, and even now, at a time when
there was more money in the treas-
ury than ever before, it ought not
to be forgotten that the resources of
the government would be heavily tax-
ed in providing the works made neces-
sary by the opening up of the vast
interior of the province by the new
railway enterprises which are now
under way.

Mr. Sutton agreed with this view
of the situation and said that perhaps
for this reason the island would for
some time be under a disability owing
to the superior magnet in the eyes
of the capitalist, but Vancouver Is-
land's turn would come very shortly.

To Mr. A. W. McCurdy, Mr. Sutton
said he would favor the immediate
construction of a system of trails
from various supply points along the
coast of the island. These trails
should run through the main valleys,
and he instanced the amount of ter-
ritory which could be reached by
building a trail from Campbell river.
To sum up, Mr. Sutton took the
position that it was the duty of the
various bodies on the island which
are moving for its development to
strongly urge upon the Dominion and
Provincial governments the necessity
for exploratory surveys. There was
no section of Canada which would of-
fer better reward for such public ef-
fort; and his views on this point were
heartily concurred in by the members
present.

Before adjournment, Col. Prior
pointed out that this meeting was
but preliminary to a meeting of the
general committee representative of
the whole of the island, and he was
sure that the recommendations of Mr.
Sutton would receive every consider-
ation, and he thanked him most
heartily for the information which he
had imparted.

AN OVERCOAT THIEF

John Hilman Gets a Month in Jail for
Taking Another Man's Gar-
ment

John Hilman, who claims to be an
iron worker from Vancouver, was yester-
day sentenced to a month's impris-
onment for stealing an overcoat, the
property of B. F. Snider. A notewor-
thy incident in the case was the inter-
vention of H. D. Holmeken, K. C. Mr.
Holmeken was in court waiting for an-
other case, when a question was asked
which he thought improper. He re-
marked that the accused ought to be
defended, and took up the defense from
that time on.

From the facts it appeared that B.
F. Snider was smitten with the ambi-
tion to win a goose at the shooting
gallery on Douglas street, and it seems
that he fired away \$10 worth of shots
before he got the bird. While doing
this he left an overcoat on a crate, and
when he was through shooting the
coat was gone. About an hour or so
after he came across Hilman wearing
his coat, and sent for the police. Hil-
man admitted that the coat was not
his, but made no further statement.
Detective O'Leary arrested him.

In the box yesterday Hilman said
that he had no intention of stealing the
coat. It was lying there apparently
belonging to no one, and he put it on.
He had been drinking heavily or he
would not have done it.

DRIVER INJURED

John Pimm Suffers in Collision of Rig
With Street Car

John Pimm, driver for the Windsor
Grocery, yesterday sustained serious
injuries by being thrown from his rig
following a collision with a Port street
car near Harrison street. Pimm was
driving along the rails of the track,
his wagon heavily laden. He was pas-
sing Harrison street when the car ap-
proached him. In endeavoring to turn
out on to the roadway the car ran into
the rear of the wagon, not with great
force but still at sufficient velocity to
so jar the rig as to throw Pimm with
violence to the street. The front
wheels of the rig were clear of the
track but the hind wheels were held
by the rails and prevented the horse
dragging the wagon clear of the car.
Pimm was almost stunned. He was
picked up by the car crew and taken
a few minutes later to the Jubilee hos-
pital where his injuries were attended
to by Dr. A. J. Graham, who had been
summoned. Pimm is suffering from
two broken ribs and several bad
bruises but he is doing well at the
hospital. The rig was considerably
damaged.

HIS WHEREABOUTS IS STILL A MYSTERY

Man Who Disappeared Early
in November is Still Being
Searched For

The search after Alexander Knowles,
who mysteriously disappeared in Van-
couver on November 3, and was last
seen as he left the bus of the Hotel
Metropole, grip in hand, to board the
Princess Beatrice on his return to this
city, has brought out no new facts
tending to explain the mystery sur-
rounding the man's disappearance. The
local police authorities have done
everything in their power to get some
trace of the missing man, but without
the slightest success. James Knowles,
the brother of the missing man, is still
in the city, a guest at the Dominion
Hotel, waiting in the hope that some
trace of his brother can be found.

After making a thorough search in
Vancouver in which the authorities of
that city participated, Detective Ser-
geant Thomas Palmer, of the local
force, was unable to gain any clue to
Knowles' whereabouts. It was thought
that possibly Knowles, who was known
to have suffered from the hallucina-
tion that he was being followed, might
have boarded a boat or train at Van-
couver under the impression that in so
doing he would dodge his imaginary
pursuers. But if such were the case
it is hardly likely that some word
would not have been heard of him ere
this. When he resumed his mental
balance he would doubtless, it is re-
asoned, have notified his sister, who is
living here, having arrived after her
brother so mysteriously disappeared.
But not a hint of the man's where-
abouts has been gained.

As a last recourse, the brother here
will likely offer a reward for any in-
formation tending to locate the miss-
ing man. Circulars will be issued
giving a description of Knowles, and
these will be sent broadcast. This step
appears to be about the only one left
to the brother and sister.

"But," said the good old lady, "why
don't you go to work?"
"Why, ma'am," began the disreput-
able old loafer, "yer see, I got a wife
an' five children to support—"
"But how can you support them
if you don't go to work?"
"As I was a-sayin', lady, I got a wife
an' five children to support me."—
Catholic Standard and Times.

Hamilton Liberals want Adam Zim-
merman appointed a senator.

CHRISTMAS TRADE BEEN A HEAVY ONE

Local Merchants Well Satis-
fied With Volume of Busi-
ness Done

There may have been financial
stringencies elsewhere, but if the
amount of money spent in Victoria this
Christmas is any criterion, the wave
of financial depression which swept
over other portions of the country dur-
ing the past twelve months was not ex-
perienced here. Local merchants, al-
most without exception, unite in de-
claring that the holiday trade this year
has been the best on record. The vol-
ume of business done has been re-
markable and a feature has been the
readiness with which the money was
forthcoming. Purchasers seemed to be
liberally supplied with money, and a
desire to spend it.

The week prior to Christmas prob-
ably saw a record influx of Christmas
shoppers from outside island points.
Every train was thronged and bulging
parcels, suit cases and an overworked
freight and express staff indicated the
amount of holiday goods which was
purchased here and taken out of the
city. Not an inconsiderable part of
the money spent here this year was
from the country.

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over during the winter of 1344. It was
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The hearts of wanderers are turned towards home and forgetful though they may be at other times, at this season they send messages and tokens of affection to the dear ones they love. On Christmas day, no matter with what mirth and cheer it may be kept the place of absent ones is never filled in the hearts of fathers and mothers and the most welcome gifts are those which give assurance of their love and remembrance.

For those who miss the voice and long for the presence of dear ones who have passed into the silent land, Christmas has its message of comfort. Who can believe that they that were so strong can be broken forever or that the love which protected and cherished does not still exist? So while holding fast the memories of the past we do our utmost to make this Christmas Day a happy one for all around us.

Is it well that we make of Christmas a family festival? Is there not a danger that with all our merry-making, we shall forget the sacredness of the day? There are many who think so. Yet, is not the love that prevails in our homes of the very essence of Christianity? In this twentieth century women seem in danger of forgetting the beauty and the glory of motherhood. The Madonna is no longer the ideal of those who seek to lead the thoughts of women. Home is not their chosen sphere nor are children looked upon as the hope of the world. Against their attitude every home in which happy children surround the tables or frolic about the Christmas tree, is not only a protest but an influence in the opposite direction. Then let none think that they are wanting in reverence for the Founder of Christianity when they celebrate His birth in their homes.

To all the women who read this column the writer wishes with all her heart A Merry, Merry Christmas.

TWO POINTS OF VIEW

(A Christmas Sketch).

They were riding home together on the Fort street car. The young man seemed extremely bored, while the woman, some few years his senior, looked about with animated interest from above an armful of packages.

"I wonder if you hate Christmas the way I do," he drawled.

She turned a look of almost childish wonder on him as she answered enthusiastically:

"Oh, no, I love it." Then fixing her eyes on him thoughtfully:

"But if I were far away, a stranger in a new place, and everybody else was merry, making then I might miss it. I should dislike all holidays because they made me feel my loneliness more keenly."

"But I am not lonely," he protested. "Only I hate all this fuss over presents. Everybody hurries to the shops and gets cross buying things for people he does not care, a rap about, only he is afraid they may say him with some thing and he wants to get ahead of them."

She looked a little distressed, but said soothingly:

"I am afraid you grew up too soon. Yet there are always some people whom you really want to remember, now are there not? Your mother, for instance?"

He flushed a little and answered quickly:

"Then it is the dickens of a job to buy the right thing. A fellow never knows what to send."

"Your mother is in the east, I believe?" she asked.

"Yes, in Toronto."

"Why not send her a small box of holly? She has probably never seen it growing. The berries will keep fresh for many weeks and every time she looks at their warm, red color, she will send a thought your way. Holly is for remembrance, you know, and glad Christmas wishes."

She flashed him a bright smile as she arranged her packages securely to leave the car.

"Good-bye, and oh, I nearly forgot. The children want to see you at their Christmas, if you have no other plans. I thought perhaps you might dress up as Santa Claus."

"Delighted," and his tone rang true. "And I say, much obliged for the suggestion. I will send the holly."

WOMAN'S WORK

Last evening the Royal Jubilee hospital showed how much can be done by kind hearts and busy skilful hands to bring cheer even to the suffering. For two days Mrs. Hasell and the members of the Daughters of Pity had been busy decorating the corridors and wards, and when at six o'clock last evening their labor of love was ended they were weary but happy people. In a room near the main entrance of the hospital the tables were spread for the nurses' supper. The room as well as the table was a blaze of light and color and nothing that generous friends could send was wanting to make the Christmas Eve bright for the nurses, whose duties kept them from their homes.

The corridors were beautifully decorated with holly and the dark green or the ivy wreaths was relieved by crimson bells. The picture of Queen Victoria, whom the hospital society deem to regard as a patron saint, looked out from a frame of holly. The young ladies reported that there was quite a rivalry between the patients in the surgical and medical wards as to which room was the more tastefully decorated. Many of the men helped to give the finishing touches to the beds or tables themselves. Mr. Cowley, whose beautiful garden was for so many years one of the sights of Victoria, aided the young ladies, both by his advice and his work. In each of these rooms was a Christmas tree, from which each patient had been given a present and the odor of tobacco indicated that in many cases the patients had received a souvenir which they could preserve and would appreciate.

The Woman's ward was bright with holly and greenery and on each table was a bouquet of white narcissus and the first daffodils of the year. The nine little patients in the children's ward, none of whom were suffering greatly, had a double treat for which they were eagerly waiting. Not only had they a Christmas tree of their own, with childish treasures, but the splendid large one prepared for the hospital staff stood in their ward and presently all the grown-ups belonging to this institution would assemble to receive the gifts of Santa Claus. The eyes of the little girls strayed from the big tree, gorgeous as it was, to the corner where the electric lights shone from the windows and open doors of the splendid dolls' house, which was Mrs. Frank Barnard's Christmas box to the children.

Mrs. Rhoades, the president of the Women's Auxiliary, and Dr. and Mrs. Hasell spoke in the warmest terms of the generosity of the public of Victoria, who have left nothing undone to make every inmate of the hospital as comfortable and happy as is possible at this season.

Today Mr. A. Longfield, Mrs. Pooley and others will soothe and delight the patients with sweet music.

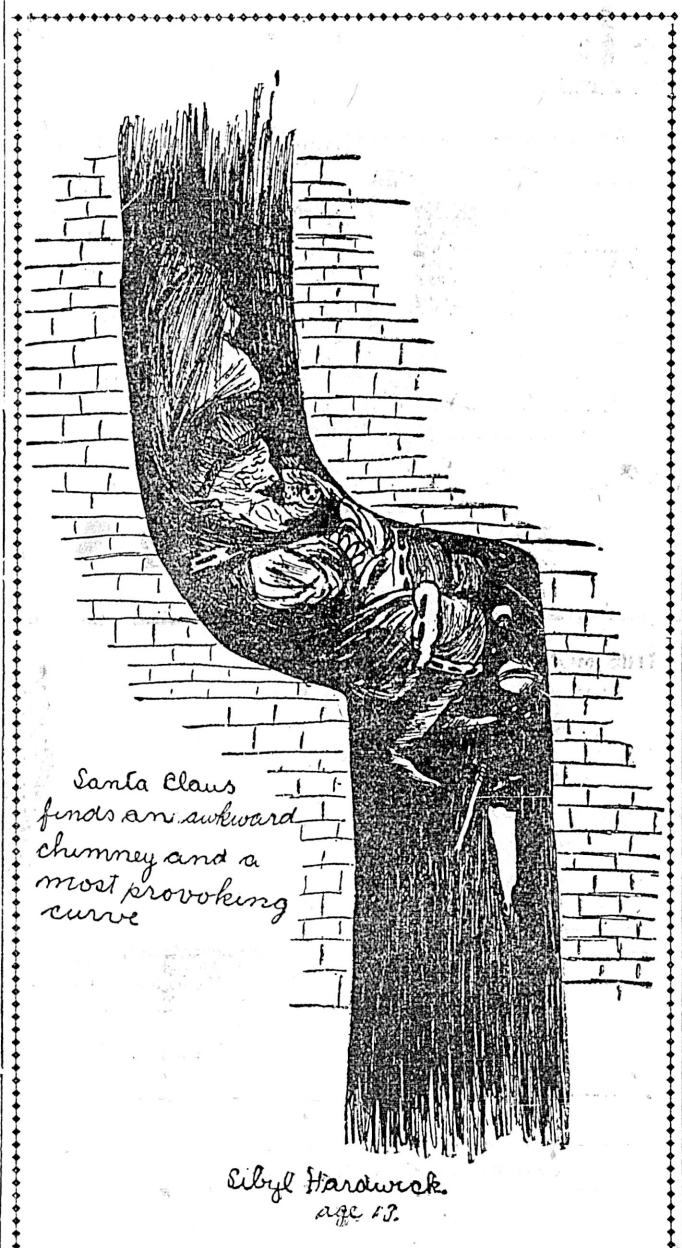
water to stand continuously in the saucers, and to the dry atmosphere of the room. While a moist atmosphere is essential, yet the continuous syringing of the plants causes foliage injury and is not advisable. The watering should be done with a watering can and the same principle applies to ferns grown outside. An occasional washing is, of course, necessary, but not the continuous spraying that some delight in giving the outdoor fern garden.

The fern garden requires little attention after being once planted. Now, or just before the ground freezes and when they have completed their season's growth, is the best time to get the plants from the wood. Take them up carefully, with some of the soil attached to their roots and set them at once into their permanent bed. Cover them with leaves after setting and remove this in the early spring.

Of course a rockery is not necessary to start a bed of these ferns. Any shady place, and paying a little attention to supplying natural soil conditions as far as possible, will give good results.—Professor Blair, in The Weekly Globe.

Lace Edged Pillow Cases

Pillow cases edged with old-fashioned crocheted lace are taking the place, to some extent, of the hem-stitched finish. When the lace is



Santa Claus finds an awkward chimney and a most provoking curve

Sibyl Hardwick age 13.

Care of Ferns

Owing to the delicate and variable foliage, ferns are one of the most attractive plants we have. Without them a conservatory would lack a certain attractiveness which could not be obtained by growing any other class of plants, and so the hardy ferns are now becoming a necessity in our home decoration out of doors. There is usually an unthought supply of these ferns in variety to be found in all parts of the country. The majority of these may be cultivated with very little trouble in the garden or ornamental grounds. They do best in a cool, moist situation where they have full or partial shade.

If grown in a rockery, those found growing on the higher lands should be placed at the top and those from the low lands at the base. The space between the stones of this artificial rock work should be filled with earth similar to that in which the species grow.

The finer ferns are usually found in the swampy soil and this soil consists of a great deal of sphagnum; therefore the removing of such soil to the place where ferns of this class are to grow is advisable. The ferns like a good supply of moisture at the roots and they like also an atmosphere which is not too dry. Continuous standing water at the root is, however, not good. The water should be allowed to pass off freely; at the same time a soil retentive of moisture is necessary.

The reason why so many house ferns do not thrive is due to allowing

made of fairly strong thread and the pattern a substantial one the edging will outwear the linen of muslin cover. An effective two-inch edging is made in the following way, beginning with a row of wheels which form the centre pattern of the trimming: Take medium size cotton thread, which comes especially for the purpose, and make rings by winding the cotton fifteen times around a large wooden knitting needle or pencil, the crochet twenty-eight double stitches in the ring; join and make three chains and crochet a treble chain into each of the ring double crochets; then crochet six chains and catch the sixth with a double crochet stitch into the second treble stitch continue this around the ring.

This makes fourteen chain loops around each ring. After a sufficient number of wheels are made in this manner they should be joined together by fastening the middle stitch of each of two chain loops to two adjacent loops of another wheel, and so on. This will leave four chain loops of each wheel attached to other wheels and ten chain loops loose.

Now when a yard and a half or more of the wheels are joined together, enough to trim the edge of a pillow case, fasten the thread into the fourth loop from the end and make three chains and a double chain into the next chain loop, the next treble chain (cutting the thread twice over the needle) into the next, one triple chain (three times over the needle) into the two chains joining the two wheels; then one long chain into the first chain loop on the next wheel and one treble into the next loop. Three chains and a double crochet into the next loop and three chains and a double crochet into the next bring the thread to the top again.

This makes the top of the edging almost straight. Then comes a row of double crochets, with two chains between a row above this of two treble crochets into the space between the divisions of the previous row, then two treble crochets and miss one for the next row and the top row is two treble crochets into each space of that row.

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For the edge make two double chains, four chains and two double chains into the first space, then two double chains, four chains and two double chains into the next space, and so on around the scallops joining the wheels.

A few days ago Mme. Melba gave an account of what she described as the most touching incident of her life—a Belfast newsboy, hung his bundle of newspapers on the wet pavement to permit her to walk dry-shod to her carriage. Such gallantry is not to pass without recognition. Investigations have proved the hero of the incident to be Charles Pollock, a lad of sixteen years, who supports his widowed mother and sister. Efforts are being made to have this modern Sir Walter Raleigh educated.—London Graphic.

TRIED RECIPES

Stuffed Dates.

Cut open the dates and remove the stones. Fill the cavities with English walnuts or blanched almonds, close the dates and roll in granulated sugar.

Glaze Nuts.

Put two cups of sugar in a saucepan with one cup of boiling water and one-eighth teaspoon cream of tartar and boil without stirring until syrup begins to discolor, when the pan should be instantly removed. Have a long pin to dip nuts with, then place on oiled paper.

Dipped Walnuts.

Melt fondant over hot water and flavor; then dip halves of walnuts and lay on oiled paper.

Cream Mints.

Melt fondant over hot water and flavor with a few drops of oil and peppermint; then drop from tip of spoon on oiled paper.

To Make White Fondant.

Put 2½ pounds granulated sugar, with 1½ cups hot water and ¼ teaspoon cream of tartar into saucepan and heat slowly to boiling point. Boil without stirring until it will just hold together in a soft ball when tried in cold water. Then pour on to a marble slab or large platter, which has been slightly oiled. Work with a wooden spoon until white and creamy, and when it begins to lump

knead with the hands until perfectly smooth. Put away covered with oiled paper so that a crust will not form on top.

The National Manufacturing company, of Pembroke, has secured control of the Cossitt works in Brockville. John Bruce Woodward, a student at Lexington, Ky., died from bursting a blood vessel while blowing into a lung-testing machine.

The Glastonbury Thorn
(There is an old legend that Joseph of Arimathea came to Glastonbury and planted there a thorn, which grew and flourished and blossomed every Christmas Day.)

There grew within a favored vale,
As old tradition tells the tale,
A famous, flowering Eastern thorn,
Which blossomed every Christmas morn.

No lowly hearth, no lordly hall,
New dressed for the yearly festival,
But gathered it, as the gift of May,
To honor the auspicious day.

And brightly 'mid the Christmas green
It shines, in the freights' ruddy sheen,
Mixed with hard berries that gleam and glow,
From holly and from mistletoe.

That tree is like the tree of Life,
Which buds when the season of joy is ripe,
And flowers when the bright dawn wakes above,
The day that Faith gave birth to Love.

And, as Time the eternal morn resumes
Humanity's grateful joy o'erflows;
The naked sight of bleeding thorn,
Which love on his brows for man hath worn.

O! let us still through love unite
To celebrate the holy rite;
That all the thorns of life may show
Naught but sweet flowers above the snow.

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NEWS OF FIGHT IS DUE TODAY

Results of the Burns-Johnson Heavyweight Battle Expected Tonight

COMPARISON OF RECORDS

Intense Interest Among Local Sports—Brief History of Modern Pugilism

Tommy Burns (Noah Brusso)—Born June 17th, 1881 at Hanover, Canada. He is 5 feet 7 inches in height and weighs 175 pounds.

Jack Johnson—Born March 31st, 1878, at Galveston, Texas. He is 5 feet and 1-4 inches in height, and weighs 195 pounds.

Between 6 and 7 o'clock this evening a bulletin should be received here announcing the result of the great battle in which the two of the world's most prominent heavyweight pugilists—Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson—will engage at Sidney, Australia tomorrow morning. As the Antipodes are some eighteen hours ahead of western Canada in time, the fight fans of Victoria will get the news on Christmas day.

The interest in this struggle for supremacy among the sportsmen of Victoria is intense. Never before has such an event been so much discussed in this city. Generally the sympathy is with the plucky Canadian, Tommy Burns, who, since the retirement of the unbeaten champion, James J. Jeffries, has fought his way to the highest pinnacle in pugilism. The opinion is that Burns will win. Just what his supporters base their confidence on is difficult to say, unless it be that Anglo-Saxon blood flows through his veins, that he has established the reputation of being game through and through, that he thinks quickly and acts like a man, and that he is going to exert all his faculties, physical and mental, to capture the belt. All this is in favor of the Canadian, but his most ardent admirers and well-wishers do not forget that he is pitted against a worthy opponent; that Johnson, though he is a negro, is a clever boxer, a hard fighter, and besides has some twenty-five pounds the advantage in weight as well as possessing a longer reach. Therefore the outcome is awaited with some trepidation, it being conceded that the battle is likely to prove one that will go into history as one of the fiercest in the annals of the ring.

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In the twentieth round at Los Angeles, in 1901 Johnson fell before the prowess of Joe Choynski in the third round at Galveston. He lost to Marvin Hart in the twentieth at San Francisco, Cal., on March 18, 1908. A foul gave Joe Jennette the decision over him in a fight which took place at Philadelphia on the 25th of November. It lasted two rounds.

son, who was in America, held that title, so they styled Slavin the "floating champion," for the want of a better term. There wasn't anybody else of note for Slavin to beat, Joe Goddard not having yet attained any great degree of prominence, so the Cornstalk journeyed to England. He arrived there in August, 1899, and within a couple of

profit by or enjoy the prestige incident to "possessing the title" because, seven months later it was wrested from him by Tommy Burns. They met at Los Angeles in February, 1906, and Burns was given the decision at the end of the scheduled twenty rounds. Burns has made the most of his title and the creature of history who made hay while the sun shone has nothing on the Canadian.

With reference to next Saturday's battle everybody seems to be "up in the air," as the saying goes. The battle-ground is twelve thousand miles away and little authentic news has reached this country pertaining to it. It is doubtful if ever a big bout was fought on which there was so little betting, in this country, as on this one. The majority of those whom you quiz, as to their opinion of the outcome, invariably answer: "It looks like Johnson should win, if it is the level." That is the story one hears and reads so often that it positively becomes monotonous. Few seem able or willing to advance any logical theory on which to base the belief that it is a frame-up, except that they have a general distrust for both men. The mere fact that they are fighting in Australia is no evidence. They are getting more money by thousands than was offered for the bout in this country and the prediction is hazarded that the promoters will make money on the venture. Messrs. McIntosh and Hunter have the affair in charge. Percy Hunter, one of the promoters, said to the writer in New York two months ago: "Boxing is very popular in our country and the shows draw well. People will come from all parts of Australia to see Burns and Johnson, and we expect an enormous crowd. We do not get such large prices as you do in this country, but I expect them to draw a record house. It is merely a business investment on our part and we expect to make a profit on it. It should be a great fight."

Mr. Hunter was en route from London, (where he signed up the principals), to Sydney, via the United States. Not one word of doubt did he express as to the bout being on the level, and he had seen and talked over matters with both men. Granting that perhaps both Burns and Johnson may have engaged in questionable bouts in the past, no good reason has been brought to light that the coming one is a job. There is a great deal at stake for each man. The winner can come back to this country and make a world of money. Then there is the known animosity each bears the other. No barber ever disliked a headless, bald-headed man more fiercely than Burns detests Johnson, and vice versa. Since Johnson has been with Sam Fitzpatrick—last September two years ago—he has kept comparatively straight. Fitzpatrick has never been identified with a known fake bout, and never once has the finger of suspicion been pointed at him. He would be the biggest idiot in the world to start being crooked at this late day, after twenty years' connection with the

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matter has now been straightened out, and today the betting on Burns is a point stronger. For days it favored Burns at five to four, and a large amount had been placed at these figures. Mr. McIntosh, the promoter of the contest, finally agreed to be referee at the request of both fighters. The suggestion advanced by Johnson that two judges in addition to the referee be appointed has been abandoned. The two men were today examined by a physician, who pronounced each one to be in perfect physical condition. The advance sales of seats totals 40,000.

MATCH TODAY

High School and Beacon Hill Soccer Teams Will Play

This morning there will be a junior league game between the High School and the Beacon Hill teams which will probably be one of the hardest and fastest games of the season. The game is to be played at the Beacon Hill grounds at 10:30 o'clock. As these teams are in the league standing, with five points each, while the north ward has only two, the winning team today will probably clinch the cup which the North Ward has held for the past two seasons.

The personnel of the respective teams follows:

High School—Goal, Clarke; full-backs, Brown and Scott; half backs, Boggs, Day, and Willis; forwards, Pike, Tracy, McDonald, McInnis and Calvin.

Beacon Hill—Wales, Petch, Lowridge, O'Rourke, McDonald, McDougall, Kacey, Baker, James, Thomas, Lindsay, O'Rourke and Jenkins.

HOW JUNIORS STAND

The standing of the Junior Basketball league is appended:	W.	L.	Pts.
Y. M. C. A.	4	0	8
North Ward	2	1	4
West Ward	2	1	4
Shamrock	2	2	4
James Bay	1	2	2
High School	1	3	2
Esquimalt	0	3	0

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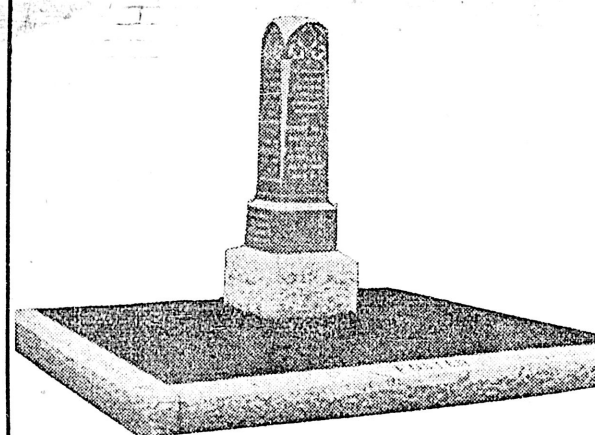
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Modern Pugilism

Never before in the history of modern pugilism has a heavyweight championship battle been viewed with so much misgiving. On that day Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson will meet for the title that was held by Jim Jeffries for six years, almost to the day. A word in explanation of why the world's title is at stake, might not be out of place at this point. By beating Jim Corbett, who had previously defeated the old gladiator, John L. Sullivan, Bob Fitzsimmons won the heavyweight championship of America. While this title still was in Fitzsimmons' possession, Jeffries loomed up as a strong possibility and before people knew it, Jim had cleanly and decisively won the championships of England and Australia by knocking out Peter Jackson three rounds. Naturally then, at this time, Fitz was champion of America and Jeff, the holder of the English and Australian titles. Before continuing with the thread of the story, the question might arise: "By what right did Jeffries hold the championships of these two countries—where did Jackson get them so that he could lose both titles to Jeffries?" It happened in this way:

months had beaten Bill Goode and Frank Young.

In December, the same year, Slavin was matched with Jim Smith, champion of England. At the time, many claimed the battle was for the championships of both England and Australia but this wasn't true. The contest between Slavin and Smith resulted in a draw after fourteen rounds, being broken up by a gang of toughs when Slavin was winning. To straighten out matters to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, Jackson knocked out Smith in two rounds, and Slavin in ten, which clinched the black man's titles beyond all question of doubt. It was several years after this that Jackson was beaten by Jeffries. In 1899 came the memorable battle at Coney Island between Fitzsimmons and Jeffries for the world's championship. The result is well remembered, Jeff stopping Fitz in eleven rounds. This really was the first bona fide world's championship battle that ever had been fought since the Queensberry code had been generally adopted.

Jeffries Triumphs.

Then came a steady string of wins for Jeffries—not counting his little affair at Butte with Jack Munroe. He beat Tom Sharkey, Jack Finnegan, Jim Corbett twice, Hank Griffin, Joe Kennedy, Gus Ruhlin, Fitzsimmons the second time and the same Munroe in two rounds. After the latter contest he decided to retire, and for all time to come. To date, he has not altered this resolution. On July 3, 1905, at Reno, Nevada, when Jack Root and Marvin Hart fought, Jeff publicly announced that he had quit the game and would turn over his title to the winner. Hart won by the knock-out route in twelve rounds and the championship mantle fell on his shoulders. The Louisville man had but scant time to

prize ring, and none who know him intimately will believe he is galled that way.

Should be Wicked One.

As for the actual fight itself, it should be a wicked one, with the chances in Johnson's favor. Both are good men, no matter what their trainers may say. Neither is without his faults but when it comes to the knowledge of boxing, there is little for either of them to learn. They are fast and clever and until it is proven to the contrary, it must be said in justice, that they are game. With all the croaking and yelling to the effect that Burns and Johnson are going to fake it, something tangible must be unearthed before the writer will believe it is a job. The eyes of the entire sporting world are centred on them, and if they fake, it will mean "curtains" for both men, so far as the better classes of sportsmen are concerned. Joe Gans reformed so, why may not Johnson have turned over a new leaf? He has accomplished about everything that Fitzpatrick has asked of him. It has been said that the colored man's bout at Bridgeport with Sailor Burke was a barney. But, why? Nobody has come forward with any proof, and to discount these claims, both Fitzpatrick and Joe Humphreys, who managed Burke at the time, have offered to go to any length to prove that nothing was pre-arranged. The fact remains that Johnson knocked Burke down nineteen times, even if he did fall to stop him in the six rounds. Shortly after, Billy Papke failed to stop Burke in six and he didn't give the sailor nearly so bad a trouncing as did Johnson. For the benefit of the doubters, here is a morsel of news that nothing has been printed before. While training at Atlantic City for the bout, Johnson banged up his right arm on his sparring partner's head. It was sore and had to be bandaged up to the hour of entering the ring. After the bout it was necessary to bandage it again. The arm was well-nigh useless during the contest except for blocking purposes. That may, in a measure, account for Burke lasting the six. This is no guess-work—the writer saw the arm in bandages and had heard previously, from an authoritative source, that it had been injured in training.

McIntosh Referees

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 24.—There was a deadlock between Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson, the heavyweights, with respect to the selection of referee. This

VICTORIA TEAM TO PLAY AT NANAIMO

Local Soccer Eleven Leave for Coal City Tomorrow—The Personnel

The Victoria representative soccer team will leave for Nanaimo tomorrow morning to play the Coal City eleven in one of the Pacific Coast league series. Owing to lack of funds necessary to defray transportation expenses it was thought that the fixture would have to be defaulted. However, J. S. Lorimer, the captain of the home team, recognizing that it would be unsportsmanlike to allow the date to go unutilized without an effort yesterday organized a campaign for subscriptions with the result that over \$60 was collected. Thus it is possible for the Victoria team to make the trip in full strength and with the determination to augment their record of victories.

It has been decided that the local eleven shall be chosen from the following: Messrs. Eaney, Lorimer, Prevost, Shanks, Sheriff, Whyte, Bothwell, Williams, Cowans, Ockell, Sedger and Young. All these men are requested to be ready to board the 9 o'clock train at the E. & N. depot tomorrow morning.

Among those who responded to the call of the league for financial assistance follow: Harry Henning, Dr. and hotel, who headed the list with \$5; T. D. Veitch, McAdams & Moloney; J. C. Macintosh, C. Richards, of Wilson Bros; John Miller, L. Marks, Capt. Cullin, Mayor Hall, E. S. Taft, A. Levy,

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Second Division Game
The Victoria West association football team is scheduled to play second division league match on New Year's day and on the Saturday following. On the former date they will meet Nanaimo on their grounds and en route back will stop at Ladysmith for a match with the "A" eleven of that town.

INTER-CLUB RUGBY MATCH TOMORROW

Players Selected to Represent J.B.A.A. and City Fifteens at Oak Bay

Much interest is evinced in tomorrow's rugby match between the J. B. A. A. and City teams. The game takes place at Oak Bay and will start at 2:30 o'clock. The personnel of the Bays was decided on finally yesterday and the line-up indicates that the forwards are a much stronger bunch than have worn the club's colors thus far this season. It is announced that W. Morehead and A. Martin will be in attendance to coach the forward and back divisions respectively. They state that, if necessary, the contest will be stopped in order that mistakes may be corrected. The respective fifties will take the field as follows:

City—Full-back, Gowen; three-quarters, Meredith, Gillespie, Henninger, Gromley; half-backs, Pitts and Lowry; forwards, Plummer, Keefe, Jephson, Spalding, Graham (W. L.), Benson, Morley and Sundry.

Medal Round.
The United Service Golf club has arranged for a medal round on Saturday morning, commencing at 10 o'clock at their links, Macaulay point. The secretary wishes to take this opportunity of inviting all interested members to participate.

May Visit Australia
Toronto, Dec. 24.—President Holman, of the Tecumseh Lacrosse club, stated today that if a lacrosse team goes to Australia, it will go in June, not in spring and the team will be from the Tecumseh lacrosse club not a picked team. Charles Commerford leaves on Sunday for Australia to complete arrangements for the tour of the team.

BUSH IN TROUBLE

Vancouver Skater Accused of Having Professionalized Himself By Accepting Money
Montreal, Que., Dec. 24.—O. Bush, the Vancouver skater, accused of having competed in roller skating races for money on the Pacific coast, has arrived in Montreal and is considerably perturbed about reports that have come ahead of him. His first visit today was to Secretary Rubenstein, of the Amateur Skating Association of Canada, to

whom he denied vigorously that he had in any way professionalized himself and offered to take an affidavit to that effect. He was referred to President Taylor of the Skating Association, who informed Bush that while he might make affidavit with regard to his amateur standing, his case would be investigated.

Will Defend Title.
Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 24.—Bobby Kerr is planning to go to England next summer to defend his title of champion at 100 and 200 yards. He expects to meet Walker, of South Africa, who defeated him in the 100 metre contest at the Olympic games.

A Marathon Derby is the latest. Think of it—Hayes, Dorando, Longboat and Shrubbs on the same track with over 26 miles to cover! It should make a spectacular race, not the least important feature being its power as a drawing card.

LONGBOAT vs. SHRUBB
Indian Will Meet English Long Distance Runner Early Next Month

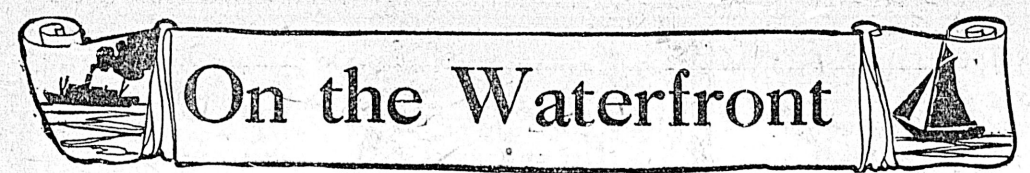
New York, Dec. 24.—Tom Longboat the fleet-footed Indian who recently defeated Dorando Pietri, the Italian runner, will match today to race Alfred Shrubbs, the English champion, at Madison Square Garden on the night of January 8 or 9. Shrubbs was persuaded to reconsider his determination not to run a distance exceeding fifteen miles and will race Longboat at the London Olympic Marathon distance of 26 miles 385 yards. This will be the first time he has ever run the distance in a professional contest.

WILL REGISTER ALL AMATEUR ATHLETES

Local Branch of B. C. A. A. U. to Hold Representative Meeting

Action will be taken sometime next week by the officials of the Victoria branch of the British Columbia Amateur Athletic Union towards the obtaining of a more complete organization than exists at present. It is the intention of Messrs. Brace and O'Sullivan, of the Y. M. C. A. and J. B. A. A. respectively, to call a meeting of representatives of all the Victoria clubs. The delegates being assembled—and a special effort is going to be made to secure a full attendance—it will be explained that it is necessary for those who wish to maintain their amateur standing to submit their names for registration. If every bona fide amateur association agrees to prepare a list of their members in good standing it will be a simple matter to obtain a full record of all who desire to participate in local sports as amateurs. As it is believed that there are no clubs but what wish to be considered as promoters of amateur recreation it is not considered likely that there will be any objection. Messrs. Brace and O'Sullivan, as well as other officials, do not propose to investigate the past records of those who make application. That would take too long a time and moreover would be too complicated a task; in fact it is believed that it would prove impracticable. Their ambition is to start with a clean sheet and to ensure that in the future amateurs and professionals will be kept apart in all sporting events brought off in Victoria.

Buildings to the value of \$1,300,000 have been erected during the year in Hamilton.



CHRISTMAS ON A WRECK

Capt. L. P. Locke of the Amur Tells of an Eventful Christmas Day

THE LOSS OF THE TEMPO

Experiences of Shipwrecked Company Off Cape Hatteras— as Many Years Ago

"A Merry Christmas," said Capt. L. P. Locke, of the steamer Amur, now being overhauled at Esquimalt. "I can remember a Christmas long years ago, though that was far less pleasant. In the winter of 1873-4, I was mate of the brigantine Tempo in the West India trade, sailing from St. John, N.B., to the Island of Cuba with lumber and back to New York with sugar cargo. My last voyage, her last, was this time of year, and it was a Christmas not so pleasant as the present. We left Sagua La Grande, in the Isle of Cuba, about Dec. 15, 1873, laden with sugar. Our crew consisted of captain, mate, quarter-master and five seamen, cook and cabin boy. There was in the forecast two Norwegians, one Swede, one Italian and one Nova Scotian. The captain, myself and second mate were native sons of the maritime provinces. Leaving Sagua the weather was very fine. The trade winds carried us towards the gulf stream, which we entered off the coast of Georgia, and all went well with us. Of course we struck the usual zone where it is nearly always calm, where the water abounds with flying fish, dolphin shark and many and varied kinds of fish. I remember on the voyage we caught many flying fish, several dolphin and a few sharks. In due time we got into the variable winds and from that time on we experienced gale after gale, first from the south, then from northwest, until our poor little ship was badly strained. This went on till we were off Cape Hatteras, about 200 miles, on December 23. It had been blowing all day and at night the wind increased until at 1 p.m. it was blowing a whole gale with seas running over our ship, which was under lower topsail and foresail. We had run her so long that now we could not heave too. The sea was running so high that our little ship was under water nearly the whole of the time. At 11.30 p.m. I saw through the darkness something wrong forward. It was almost impossible to get along the deck without being swept overboard, but I got far enough to see that our jibboom and bowsprit was standing on end. The bob-stays had been carried away, and there was nothing to hold the foremast from falling aft on deck or over the side. At midnight the vessel broached to, that is to say, she got the top of the heavy sea, and we were in a bad plight. The masts came away longer. Then the masts came away on the run. On Christmas morning, just after midnight, our ship was a wreck, her foremost half gone just above the deck, her mainmast was broke below the deck and had torn the deck up so that the water was pouring into her hold. By 1 a.m. we were in a bad plight. Most people, especially sailors, would think that we were doomed. But, there's a dear little cherub that sits up aloft to keep watch over the life of poor Jack; and so it must have been in this case. Not only were our masts gone, but the sea had swept our forward hold off, with the cook stove and so forth. Our water was all in casks on deck and the casks that were not washed overboard were smashed. We were without water and food or masts, all inside of an hour.

The first thing that we could do was to stop the water from going down through the deck, where the mainmast had broken. When the mainmast went by the board it fell across the rail in such a way that it left part of the foremast inboard. This we cut off and battered it down one hole. We had a hard time doing this, because the wreck was under the ship and holding her in the trough of the sea. Therefore the ship was like a half-tide rock, how we managed we know by lashing each other to the railings. After this was done we had to clear the wreck from the bottom of the vessel, for she was leaking badly, and the wreck under the bottom was not improving matters.

"We thought that about the only thing holding us was the rigging which we cut the ship would not swing after we cut this. We cut everything that we could think of that kept the wreck from swinging to windward. We knew that if we could get that accomplished our craft would be all right. Anyway, we had to wait till daylight. In the meantime we examined the pumps and sounded the holds. We found our pumps broken, and four feet of water in the hold. We rigged the one pump and started to pump her out. Of course, we had to take turns at the pump, and whilst pumping we were lashed there, for every sea that came along was high over our heads. The pumps were of no use. We were wet through and likely to remain so for hours to come, if we lived.

"Well, daylight eventually came, and this was Christmas morning. None but a sailor or one who has been through such an experience, can picture our condition. Life was scarcely worth living at that time; yet we all struggled to save that life. We were very little to dry the ship, so we turned our attention to the wreck under the bottom. We found that it was held by the bowsprit shrouds forward, and a turn of some of the stays around the top of the rudder. The rigging in those days was hemp and not wire, as today. We had to cut the stay clear of the rudder and how this could be done in such a sea was a question. Men could not be driven to such a thing, so it was to be voluntarily. Of course the mate must always be the leading man. At 9 a.m. the wind had moderated and the sea was not breaking so heavily. I got into a howline

MARINE INTELLIGENCE

Special to the Colonist
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Light rain, wind southwest, 24 miles an hour.
Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind southwest, 8 miles an hour. Outside, bound in, schooner Willie R. Hume.
Nash Bay, noon—Anchored, Agnes Oswald, Tacoma for the United Kingdom.
Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 15 miles an hour. Out, steamer Tweedsdale.

By Wireless
Cape Lazo, 8 a.m.—Clear and calm. Bar. 29.96, temp. 32. Sea smooth.
Point Grey, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, light southeast—Wind, foggy. Bar. 29.95, temp. 34.
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Light rain, wind southwest, 21 miles an hour. Bar. 30.10, temp. 46. Out, a steamer, at 6.10 a.m.
Pachena, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a westerly breeze. Bar. 29.93, temp. 43. Sea moderate.
Estevan, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, a westerly breeze. Bar. 30.10, temp. 44. Sea rough.
Cape Lazo, noon—Clear and calm, foggy. Bar. 30.03, temp. 44. Passed out, steamer Princess May, 9.15 a.m.
Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind southwest, 8 miles an hour. Bar. 30.17, temp. 46. Passed in, Bar. V. T. Hume, at 7.50 a.m. Outside, Willie R. Hume.
Estevan, noon—Clear, northerly breeze, hail. Bar. 30.20, temp. 43. Sea moderate.
Pachena, noon—Cloudy and calm. Bar. 30.04, temp. 45. Sea moderate.
Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 15 miles an hour. Bar. 30.10, temp. 42. In, schooner Willie R. Hume, at 12.40 p.m. Out, steamer Tweedsdale, at 1 p.m.
Estevan, 6 p.m.—Cloudy and calm. Bar. 30.14, temp. 40. Sea rough. No shipping.
Pachena, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, a light northwest breeze. Bar. 29.98, temp. 41. Sea moderate. No shipping.
Cape Lazo, 6 p.m.—Partly cloudy, light east wind. Bar. 30.04, temp. 40.
Point Grey, 6 p.m.—Partly cloudy, calm. Bar. 30.10, temp.

and with a boat hatchet lashed to my arm, I got down and cut the stay. How I got down and up again I cannot remember; but I did. I was nearly drowned. Nearer than I ever hope to be again. After the stay was cut the ship drifted over the wreckage and swung round, head to wind, anchored, as it were, by the bowsprit shrouds. We lay to leeward of the wreckage, and of course this broke the sea and we were more comfortable. This done, some one said breakfast. Well, how could we get it. No stove nor fresh water—our food all destroyed by the sea water. But we had a cook and he had been thinking. He said we would try the lazarette. Now the lazarette was as far aft as we could get under the quarter deck, and on this occasion the only dry place in the ship. In the lazarette there had been stowed two barrels of claret as cargo, and some sacks of hard bread, which had been partly condemned as food, but kept for an emergency such as this. We had breakfast—wine and biscuits—food for the gods, and it was enjoyed far more than any Christmas breakfast since. About this time the deck came around in the opposite direction and the weather became cold, freezing. So we all got around the pumps to keep warm. We pumped for dead life, and now that the Tempo was free of the broken spars and riding head to wind, we managed to pump her out. But, before we had her half pumped out, however, some one (the captain, I think) cried out "Sail ho." There was a sail, but too far off to see, and some hopes fell quickly. After this nothing happened except the clanking of the old pump, till about 3 p.m. Then another sail hove in sight, coming towards us. We got an old boat-hook and lashed it up to the wheel, setting our flag on it, union down, as a distress signal. The vessel also passed us after passing a long distance we saw him wear ship and come back. He had seen us. He passed again and hoisted the Stars and Stripes, to show us that he would stand by. We cheered. He could not take us off that night for the sea was running too high, and no boat could live. Another night on the old brig, and Christmas night was scarcely merry under those conditions. We worried whether the vessel would hold till morning. A long dreary night it was. It is said that there is a very thin line between anxiety and fear. Well, I tell you, we did not know where to draw the line that night. I cannot describe it, so I will not try. I will leave it to the imagination. Every night must have a morning, and ours came in time. At daylight we were all looking out for our friend of the Stars and Stripes, but he was not in sight. An hour after daylight he hove in sight coming towards us. By this time the sea had gone down and the wind had died out. We got our boat ready, the only one we had left. He also got his boat in the water. The weather was not settled by any means. So it was, hurry up and get away. We got on board the bark, which proved to be the Edith Rose, of New York, bound from Callao to her home port with guano. There was a funny incident as we boarded. One of the sailors on board the Edith Rose recognized one of our men as a friend, and sang out: "Hello, Hans; how you vas, ole man?" "A merry Christmas, by gott!" "We just got nicely on board the Edith Rose when the wind began to blow as hard as ever, and by dark we were under reefed topsails. New York was reached on New Year's Day, 1874, with nothing but the clothing that we stood up in. The underclothing I had belonged to the captain of the Edith Rose. God bless him.

It may be asked why we left the old brig? Why did we not rig jury masts and get her in port. Well, you see the water in the hold wetted the sugar in the lower casks, which broke up and the whole cargo was adrift when we left her.

PRICE OF WORK WAS THEIR LIVES

Ballast Shifted on Sailing Ship Boadicea—Was Saved by Unique Scheme

Fighting for life, Capt. Thomas and the crew of the British ship Boadicea which sailed into Royal Roads yesterday, 32 days from San Francisco to load lumber at Hastings mills for the United Kingdom worked day after day for a week after the ballast shifted during a hurricane encountered Dec. 10, when the ship was in the latitude of the Columbia river on her way north. Soon after the tug dropped the Boadicea off the Golden Gate on Nov. 23, a strong northwest gale was encountered and the ballast was started as the vessel rolled badly, having to carry considerable sail to keep off the land. Day after day strong winds were encountered and it was over two weeks before the vessel was worked north of the latitude of the Golden Gate. On the night of Dec. 10, a strong gale blew with great violence from the northwest, the ship rolling so that the tips of her yards touched the sea. Capt. Thomas was shaken from his bunk, his sextant was bumped from its place and broken and the chronometer jumped from its place, while the ballast, which had been started during the previous gale, shifted, leaving the vessel lying on her side and the sea seemed to be closing in on her. The ship would turn turtle, Capt. Thomas and the majority of the crew hurried into the hold to trim the shifted ballast, shovelling for their lives as the sand continued to heave up and fall over upon them with every roll of the ship as she careened from beam to beam. The heavy sea, while the gale whistled through her rigging. The masts were broken, floors wrecked, and it seemed that nothing could be done to save the ship. As the ballast piled up and shifted with every roll the fatigued ship's company worked only as men work who know that the price of their work is their lives.

The salvation of the Boadicea was due to an idea of Capt. Thomas. He got out ten large sails, about a thousand dollars worth of canvas, and making one end of the sail fast to a midship stanchion, he lashed the other end to the ship's side, and into the sail the sand was shovelled. Then the busy sailormen sewed up the canvas with its load of sand, making a long bag which was made fast on top of the shifting ballast to hold it in place. Ten big sails were used in this way, and the shifting sand was trimmed and the ship brought up on an even keel while she still rolled heavily.

Three strong gales were encountered, the third in the neighborhood of the entrance to the straits of which the Boadicea arrived ten days ago. The sand-filled sails held the ballast securely during the third gale, however. Three times the ship made the land. On the first occasion she came within sight of Cape Horn, but she made Carmanah and the third time was brought up near Tatoosh. The wind blew heavily seaward and she was again driven out to sea. Coming up into the straits on Wednesday night no tugboats were seen and Capt. Thomas decided to sail up. His vessel will be towed to Vancouver today to load.

SAYS LOCAL ADVANTAGES WILL BE REALIZED
Significant Comment of Hongkong Paper Regarding Improvements to Pacific Service
Commenting on the announcement made by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy that the C. P. R. line between Vancouver and Empress of Ireland would be shortly be transferred to the Pacific the South China Morning Post of Hongkong speaks of the possibilities of the utilization of the advantages of the Pacific service following the C.P.R. service following the announcement of the importance of the improved service projected by the C.P.R. to Hongkong the writer speaks of the competition that will arise following the completion of the Grand Pacific railway to Prince Rupert and says:

"The C.P.R. is not likely to remain under any handicap in this respect that can be avoided and the expectation is that Vancouver Island may have its advantages realized."
The Hongkong paper therein sounds another note regarding the necessity of completing the grand Pacific improvement. Other ports are awake to the needs of improving their harbor works. The Vancouver Province calls attention to the need of improving the entrance to Vancouver harbor to render the vessel would hold till morning. A long dreary night it was. It is said that there is a very thin line between anxiety and fear. Well, I tell you, we did not know where to draw the line that night. I cannot describe it, so I will not try. I will leave it to the imagination. Every night must have a morning, and ours came in time. At daylight we were all looking out for our friend of the Stars and Stripes, but he was not in sight. An hour after daylight he hove in sight coming towards us. By this time the sea had gone down and the wind had died out. We got our boat ready, the only one we had left. He also got his boat in the water. The weather was not settled by any means. So it was, hurry up and get away. We got on board the bark, which proved to be the Edith Rose, of New York, bound from Callao to her home port with guano. There was a funny incident as we boarded. One of the sailors on board the Edith Rose recognized one of our men as a friend, and sang out: "Hello, Hans; how you vas, ole man?" "A merry Christmas, by gott!" "We just got nicely on board the Edith Rose when the wind began to blow as hard as ever, and by dark we were under reefed topsails. New York was reached on New Year's Day, 1874, with nothing but the clothing that we stood up in. The underclothing I had belonged to the captain of the Edith Rose. God bless him.

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diver expenditure, and supplying some of the first aids to navigation, this security would be obtained.
"It is absolutely essential to the progress of Vancouver as a seaport that the improvements demanded should be made without any further delay. The world of commerce will not enquire whether these improvements can be made as we know they can at a comparatively small outlay; it will send its ships to other ports if it finds accidents occurring here. We may be assured that the case of the Glenfarg will not go unnoticed. It will count against Vancouver in the ocean shipping records. And yet had a few, even, of the improvements called for in Mr. Evans' letter been made, it would never have occurred. Vancouver cannot afford to have her name injured and her reputation jeopardized for lack of reasonable attention to her needs in this respect.

"As Mr. Evans says very pointedly 'We have reached that stage, Mr. Editor, that if we do not bestir ourselves and try to get somewhere up to date, other ports which are spending money on improvements will obtain the trade that rightly belongs to Vancouver. We will also find that the insurance companies will gradually increase the rate of insurance on vessels bound into Burrard Inlet. We want the wheat to come this way for shipping, let us do something for the ships that are to carry it away.'"
Victoria's advantages are so much superior to those of Vancouver and any other port on the North Pacific, that the consideration of what action is required to secure the benefit attaching to the advantages of location and situation of Victoria as the most easterly of access of all the North Pacific ports to the open sea, is entitled to a matter for immediate attention.

BUSY SEASON FOR PRINCESS CHARLOTTE

Arrangements Being Made to Induce Exhibition Visitors to Travel Via Victoria

The new C. P. R. steamer Princess Charlotte which is expected from the builders yards at Govan next Tuesday, with the steamer Princess Victoria, is expected to have a record-breaking amount of travel during the coming summer. A special despatch from Winnipeg says it is announced there that as a result of the recent conference there of Hon. Frank Oliver, the railway officials, government and Board of Trade officials, a plan was made to divert part of the United States traffic to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exhibition way of Canada. Business originating in New England, states that as a result of the recent conference there of Hon. Frank Oliver, the railway officials, government and Board of Trade officials, a plan was made to divert part of the United States traffic to the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exhibition way of Canada. Business originating in New England, states that as a result of the recent conference there of Hon. 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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

J. R. Patterson, of Duncan, is in the city. He is at the King Edward.

Mrs. A. Ferguson returned home by the V. & S. yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Granville V. Cuppage has gone up the line to spend Christmas.

H. B. Ayres was a passenger from Vancouver yesterday.

A. Hemming, of Hongkong, is at the Driard.

Clarence Bourke, of South Wellington, is at the Empress.

Capt. B. Johnson returned from the mainland last night by the steamer Princess Victoria.

B. W. Greer and wife were passengers from Vancouver by the steamer Princess Victoria yesterday.

W. Shakespeare and wife arrived from the mainland last night by the steamer Princess Victoria.

Dr. Scharschmidt was among the passengers of the steamer Princess Victoria from Vancouver yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kelly left last evening on the Princess Royal for Seattle.

Col. Gregory left this morning via the C.P.R. on a visit to his old home at Fredericton, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. White went over to Vancouver this morning on the Princess Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Rowlands left this morning on the Princess Victoria for Vancouver for Christmas.

J. W. Camble, of the Bank of Montreal staff, went over to Vancouver this morning on the Princess Victoria.

Miss Walker, of Saanich, returned after a brief visit to the city by yesterday afternoon's V. & S. train.

E. R. Tiliard, of Saanich, was in the city yesterday. He returned in the afternoon.

Dr. Darrell Hanington, of Queen's hospital, Ross Bay, is spending a few days in the city.

J. A. Masters, of Toronto, arrived in town last evening, and is staying at the Empress.

W. T. Fisher, of Prince Rupert, arrived in town yesterday and is staying at the Balmoral.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Levy, of Juneau, Alaska, arrived in town yesterday, and are staying at the Dominion.

Lewis Cuthbertson, of Hazelmore, B. C., is in town and staying at the Dominion.

A. Thompson, of Saanich, was among the outgoing passengers by the V. & S. yesterday.

W. Butler left by the V. & S. for his home near Keating's Crossing yesterday afternoon.

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Mrs. J. W. Crawford spent yesterday forenoon in the city. She left by the afternoon train for home.

Hon. Thomas Taylor has left for Revelstoke, where he will spend the festive season.

Mrs. J. McDonald, of Prince Rupert, is visiting friends in this city. She is a guest at the King Edward hotel.

R. C. Macdonald and R. D. Munro, of Prince Rupert, arrived in town yesterday and are stopping at the Dominion.

Miss E. Eaton, who has been spending the last three months at Kamloops, has returned to Victoria where she will spend Christmas.

Mrs. J. J. Bowen, of San Francisco, and J. M. Gore, of Los Angeles, arrived in town last evening, and are stopping at the Empress.

E. Fetterly, of Chemalmus, arrived from up the line by the noon train yesterday and is among those staying at the King Edward hotel.

F. E. Haley, of Honolulu, is registered at the King Edward. It is his intention to make an extended sojourn here.

W. E. Knecker left this morning via the C.P.R. for St. John, N.B., whence he will sail on the Lake Manitoba on an extended trip to the Old Country.

T. G. Moody and wife and H. G. Moody were passengers from Vancouver by the steamer Princess Victoria last night.

E. S. Roberts, of New Westminster, who has been spending the past three weeks in the south left this morning on the Princess Victoria for home.

Superintendent of Provincial Police F. S. Hussey left last evening on the Princess Royal to spend Christmas in Seattle.

Ovlington and Archibald A. Watt arrived on the Princess Royal yesterday from Seattle to spend Christmas with their parents at Dunelm, Menzies street.

Mrs. Frank Cullin, wife of the popular ex-Colonist employee, now at Swift Current, Sask., is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. W. O. Wallace, in this city.

Miss Katherine Wallace, a student at Columbian College, New Westminster, is spending the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wallace, in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. C. Steward and S. R. Neate, of Penticton, B. C., in the Okanagan valley, one of the very brightest spots in the entire Dominion of Canada, arrived in town last evening, and are registered at the Driard.

George F. Charndler, a member of the staff of the government steamer Quadra, and Miss Elizabeth Gerrard, were united in marriage by Rev. T. E. Holling, the pastor of Metropolitan church, at the parsonage last evening, Mr. and Mrs. Burton being the witnesses of the ceremony.

Among the passengers on the Princess Victoria this morning for Vancouver were W. H. Kingston, H. H. Bishop, F. White, G. B. Grey, Miss Roberts, W. P. Richardson, A. McEwen, A. P. Francis, E. Hoffman, F. Kermod, F. A. Wilson, F. B. Ward, C. Davis, J. W. Campbell.

A New Proverb

The bookkeeper looked at the new stenographer somewhat critically. He was a satirical bookkeeper and had an unpleasant way of impressing the fact on all newcomers. He picked up one of the young woman's lead pencils and stared at it disapprovingly.

"Why is it," he asked, "that a woman never can sharpen a pencil?"

The girl looked over at the bookkeeper's desk.

"You keep your pencils very sharp, I see," she said.

"As sharp as needles," he answered.

"We had a proverb at the lawyer's office where I worked," she said in a dreamy way. "I guess you've never heard it."

"No," he said, "what was it?"

"It was 'The sharper the pencil the duller the wit.'"

Then she opened up the typewriter and prepared for the day's business.

London, Ontario, school children are suffering from an epidemic of catarrhal jaundice.

Cuddle Doon

The bairnies cuddle doon at nicht
Wi' muckle fauch an' din,
"O' bairnies, try an' sleep o'er an' aince,
Your father's comin' in."
They never heed a word I speak,
I try to gie a frown,
But aye, I hap them up, an' cry,
"O' bairnies, cuddle doon!"

Wee Jamie wi' the curly held—
He aye sleeps next the wa'—
Bangs up an' cries "I want a piece"—
The rascal starts them a',
I rin an' fetch them pieces, drinks,—
They stop aince the soun'—
I draw the blankets up an' cry,
"Noo, weanies, cuddle doon!"

But ere five minutes gang, wee Ra's
Cries out frae 'neath the claes,
"Mither, mither, I want a piece o'er an' aince,
He's kittle wi' his tae."
The mischief's in that Tam for tricks,
He'd botter half the toon:
But aye I hap them up an' cry,
"O' bairnies, cuddle doon!"

At length they hear their father's fit;
An' as he nears the door,
They turn their faces to the wa'
While Tam pretends to snore.
'Hae a' the weans been gude?' he asks,
As he pits off his shoon,
'The bairnies, John, are in their beds,
An' lang since cuddled doon!'

An' just afore we bed oorsels,
We look at oor wee lambs,
Tam has his arm round wee Ra's neck,
An' Ra's his arm round Tam's,
I lift wee Jamie up the bed,
An' as I stralk each croon,
I whisper till my heart fills up,
"O' bairnies, cuddle doon!"

The bairnies cuddle doon at nicht,
Wi' mirth that's dear to me;
But soon the 'big war's' cark an' care
Will quaten doon their glee.
Yet come what will to lika ane,
May He wha sits aboon,
Aye, whisper, though their paws be bauld
"O' bairnies, cuddle doon!"

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Necklets\$1 to \$75
Earrings\$2.50 to \$500
Bracelets\$1 to \$75
Watches for Ladies,
.....\$2.50 to \$100
Umbrellas\$5 to \$25

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Watches for Boys,
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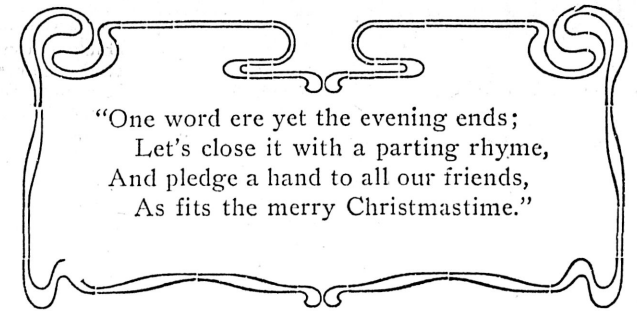
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WANTED—To purchase, old mahogany furniture, clocks, grandfather clocks, coins, stamps, etc. A. A. Aronson, 83 Johnson street. d29

FOR SALE—PROPERTY

FOR URGENT SALE—The very best double corner in business section of New Westminster, frontage 132 feet; one block from C. P. R. depot; will suit for \$5,750. Terms, \$1000 down. 1185, Huro St., Vancouver. Phone 3226. d24

FOR SALE—20 acres on Somers Lake, one mile from Duncan. Majority cultivated. Fine house, furnace, water laid on, outbuildings, good fishing, duck shooting. Box X, Duncan. n6

TO LET—FURNISHED ROOMS

TO LET—Furnished bedrooms with breakfast. One block Beacon Hill car. "Beachcroft." Boyd St. d23

TO LET—Furnished room, bath, electric light, heat, board if desired. 1605 Blanchard. d15

FURNISHED ROOMS—Very central. 810 Douglas, corner Humboldt St. d11

TO LET—Rooms, 1003 Carberry Gardens; breakfast if desired. B-1514. d6

FURNISHED ROOMS with board; piano and phone. "Bellview." Quebec St., close to Government buildings. d29

TO LET—Furnished bedroom, with use of bath. 322 John street, Rock Bay. d29

TO RENT—Nicely furnished rooms, every convenience. 949 Fort St. Phone B124. d24

FURNISHED ROOMS—Elegantly furnished rooms, with or without board. All modern improvements, including electric light and telephone. Close to steamboat landing. Corner Birdcage Walk and Belleville street. Mrs. Woodhill (formerly Revue House). d24

ELOCUTION

MADAM CAIRN, from London, will give lessons in Dramatic Elocution. Box 425, Colonist. d19

WANTED—TO RENT

WANTED—To rent, a small furnished house; immediate possession. Address 461, Colonist. d23

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ROOM AND BOARD can be got at "Maplehurst," 1937 Blanchard St. d10

TO LET—Board and room, also table board, \$5.50; comfortable reception rooms, 700 blocks from postoffice. 756 Rae St. d1

WANTED—MALE HELP

MEN WANTED—Reliable men in every locality throughout Canada to advertise our goods, tack up showcards on trees, fences, bridges, and all conspicuous places, also distribute small advertising matter. Commission or salary \$33 per month and expenses \$4 per day. Steady employment to good reliable men. No particulars necessary. Write for particulars. Empire Medicine Co., London, Ont.

WANTED—A Japanese for housework and cooking; a good cook preferred; state wages expected. E. A. Crofton, Suit Spring Island. d24

WANTED—An apprentice to jewelry business. Apply W. H. Wilkerson, Jeweler, 915 Government St. d6

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WANTED—A new 4 or 5 roomed cottage; must be modern and new, well situated. Will rent or purchase. D. C. Reid & Co., 9 Mahon Bldg. Phone 1494. d23

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FOR SALE—Twenty-seven laying hens; price \$25 for quick sale. 2605 Douglas St. d24

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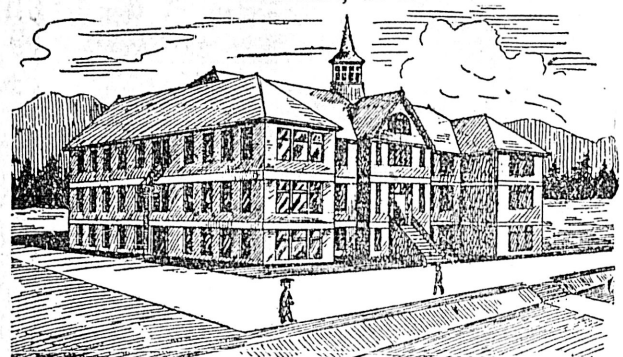
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HOLIDAY PROSPECT RESTRAINS TRADERS

Small Day's Business on Exchange—Railway Rumors Abroad

New York, Dec. 24.—With a closed interval of three days in prospect on account of the holiday from tonight until Monday, there was little disposition to operate on a large scale in stocks. New commitments were unimportant, and the day's business was largely devoted to closing up contracts already open.

The belief that very extensive amalgamations are in prospect in the railroad world continued a dominating influence in the market. There was a pronounced movement also in the Vanderbilt group, in pursuance of the supposition that an early entry into active direction of the affairs of that property will be made by E. H. Harriman.

United States Steel was inclined to be heavy, and was affected by the moderate rate of expansion reported to be in progress in the steel industry. The demand for call loans to carry over the prolonged holiday caused disturbance in the money market, and this left without effect to any extent the indications of a continuing decline in the banking reserves. The decline in conditions of the Bank of England, reported today was unusually violent, even for this season, but the London money market was little affected, and the price of gold was lowered there. United States bonds remained unchanged on call for the week.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)
New York, Dec. 24.—The action today indicated a strong position in view of the approaching holidays. Some hesitancy was noted during the early session, but prices quickly recovered and remained firm up to the last hour, when realizing caused recessions from the high level. A drive on the Harrimans, especially United Pacific, took place in the last few minutes but the action as a whole was very encouraging and barring unforeseen bad news over the holidays the list undoubtedly will do better next week.

	High.	Low.	Closing.
Allis-Chalmers	15 1/2	15 1/4	14 3/4
Amal. Copper	82 1/2	81 1/4	82 1/4
Am. Car. Fdy.	49	47 1/4	49
do pfd	43 1/2	43	43 1/2
Am. Col. Oil	43 1/2	43	43 1/2
do pfd	23 1/2	23	23
Amer. Loco.	17 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/2
Amer. Smelt.	81 1/2	81	81 1/2
do pfd	101 1/2	100 1/4	101
Amer. Wooline	29 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/2
do pfd	94 1/2	94	94 1/2
Anaconda	97 1/2	96 1/4	97 1/2
do pfd	109 1/2	109 1/4	109 1/2
B. and O.	109 1/2	109 1/4	109 1/2
do pfd	69 1/2	69 1/4	69 1/2
C. C. and S. L.	69	68 1/4	69
C. P. R.	176 1/2	176 1/4	176 1/2
C. and O.	57 1/2	57 1/4	57 1/2
C. and N. W.	58 1/2	58 1/4	58 1/2
C. and G. W.	13 1/2	13 1/4	13 1/2
do pfd	38 1/2	38 1/4	38 1/2
Cent. Leather	31 1/2	30 1/4	31 1/2
do pfd	101 1/2	101 1/4	101 1/2
do pfd	49 1/2	49 1/4	49 1/2
Con. Gas	163 1/2	161 1/4	163 1/2
do pfd	37 1/2	37 1/4	37 1/2
Distillers	30 1/2	30 1/4	30 1/2
do pfd	37 1/2	37 1/4	37 1/2
Erie	30 1/2	30 1/4	30 1/2
do pfd	37 1/2	37 1/4	37 1/2
Gen. Elec.	134 1/2	134 1/4	134 1/2
do pfd	146 1/2	146 1/4	146 1/2
Ill. Cent.	147 1/2	147 1/4	147 1/2
Int. Met.	20 1/2	20 1/4	20 1/2
do pfd	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
Int. Paper	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
do pfd	34 1/2	34 1/4	34 1/2
Int. Pump	34 1/2	34 1/4	34 1/2
do pfd	81 1/2	81 1/4	81 1/2
Iowa Central	29 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/2
do pfd	54 1/2	54 1/4	54 1/2
L. and N.	122 1/2	122 1/4	122 1/2
Mackay	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/2
do pfd	41 1/2	41 1/4	41 1/2
Met. St. Ry.	23 1/2	23 1/4	23 1/2
Mexican Cent.	23 1/2	23 1/4	23 1/2
M. K. and T. pfd.	74 1/2	74 1/4	74 1/2
Missouri Pac.	68 1/2	68 1/4	68 1/2
National Lead	79 1/2	79 1/4	79 1/2
do pfd	53 1/2	53 1/4	53 1/2
Newhouse	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/2
do pfd	46 1/2	46 1/4	46 1/2
N. Y. O. and W.	46 1/2	46 1/4	46 1/2
Northern Pac.	140 1/2	140 1/4	140 1/2
Pacific Coast	82 1/2	82 1/4	82 1/2
Penn. Ry.	130 1/2	130 1/4	130 1/2
Peoples Gas	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2
Pressed Steel	43 1/2	43 1/4	43 1/2
do pfd	100 1/2	100 1/4	100 1/2
Reading	139 1/2	139 1/4	139 1/2
do pfd	91 1/2	91 1/4	91 1/2
Rep. Steel	25 1/2	25 1/4	25 1/2
Rock Island	24 1/2	24 1/4	24 1/2
do pfd	62 1/2	62 1/4	62 1/2
Sloss Steel	77 1/2	77 1/4	77 1/2
Southern Pac.	120 1/2	120 1/4	120 1/2
do pfd	123 1/2	123 1/4	123 1/2
Tenn. Copper	45 1/2	45 1/4	45 1/2
Texas Pacific	34 1/2	34 1/4	34 1/2
Third Ave.	40 1/2	40 1/4	40 1/2
T. S. L. and W.	45 1/2	45 1/4	45 1/2
do pfd	72 1/2	72 1/4	72 1/2
Twin City	72 1/2	72 1/4	72 1/2
Union Pacific	187 1/2	187 1/4	187 1/2
do pfd	95 1/2	95 1/4	95 1/2
U. S. Cast. I. Pipe	28 1/2	28 1/4	28 1/2
do pfd	54 1/2	54 1/4	54 1/2
U. S. Steel	54 1/2	54 1/4	54 1/2
U. S. Steel pfd	112 1/2	112 1/4	112 1/2
Utah Copper	46 1/2	46 1/4	46 1/2
Virginia Chem.	43 1/2	43 1/4	43 1/2
do pfd	113 1/2	113 1/4	113 1/2
Wabash	17 1/2	17 1/4	17 1/2
do pfd	49 1/2	49 1/4	49 1/2
Western Union	68 1/2	68 1/4	68 1/2
Westinghouse	86 1/2	86 1/4	86 1/2
Wisconsin Cent.	32 1/2	32 1/4	32 1/2
Yukon	25 1/2	25 1/4	25 1/2

Money on call, 2 1/2, 2 1/4, 2 1/2 per cent.

Total sales, \$88,000,000.

Note—All exchanges will be closed Friday and Saturday.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Dec. 24.—This is the last day of the market until Monday and the holiday character on account of the sentences from the ringside. The first of the year will bring the usual year end analysis from all sources of the market during the next week. This will be bullish, and we confidentially predict very much higher and probably extreme prices for cotton without any set back.

Option—Open. High. Low. Close.

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Feb. 8.77 8.78 8.74 8.76

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BOSTON COFFEE MARKET.

Boston, Dec. 24.—The market closed strong all through the list in spite of the usual evening up of contracts before a double holiday. Altogether the market passed in away to make all the bulls happy.

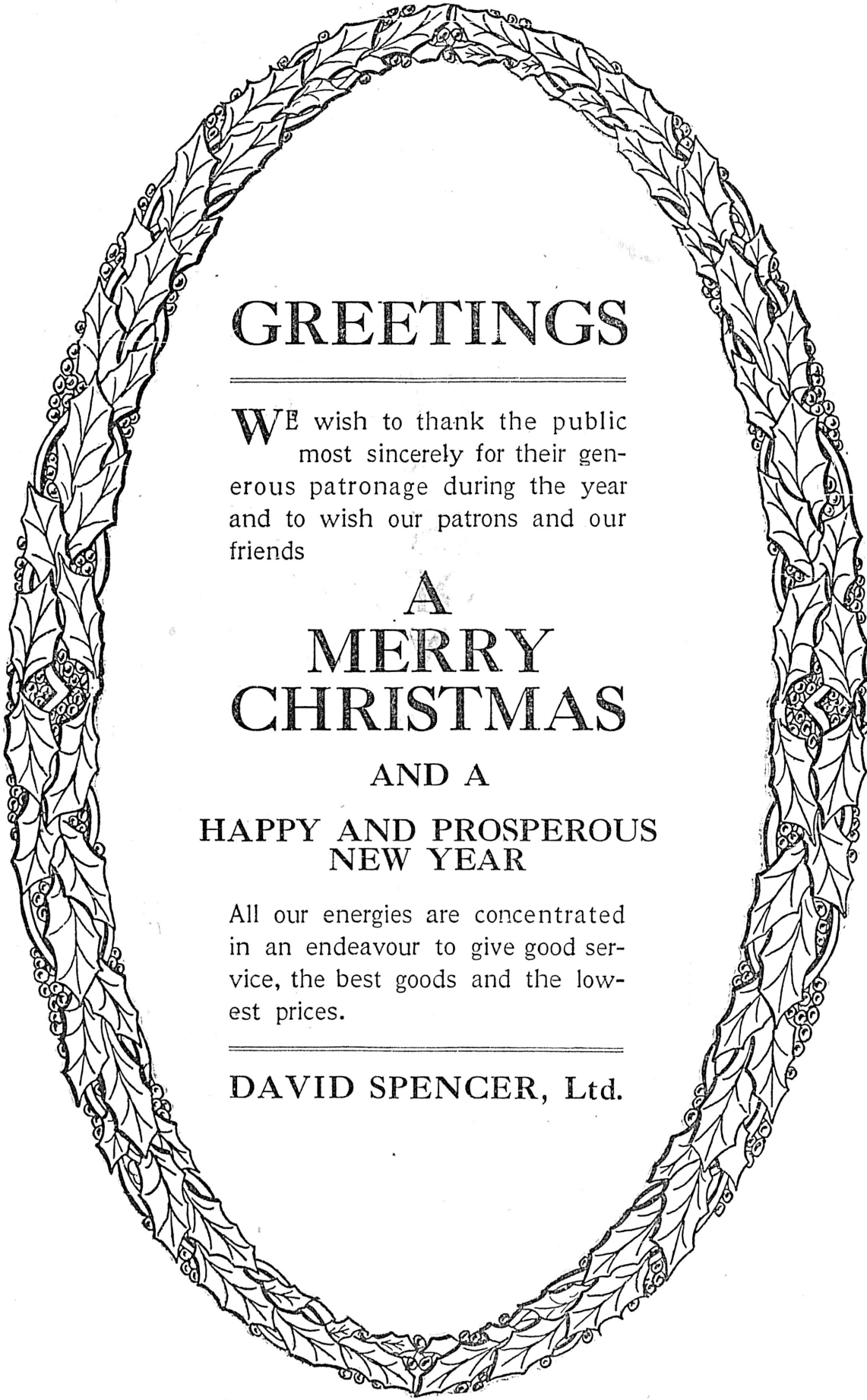
	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Adventure	09 1/2	09 3/4	09 1/4	09 1/2
Allouez	36 1/2	36 3/4	36 1/4	36 1/2
Aradina	03 1/2	03 3/4	03 1/4	03 1/2
Atlantic	16 1/2	16 3/4	16 1/4	16 1/2
Boston Cons.	16	16 1/4	15 3/4	16
Butte Cons.	26 1/2	26 3/4	26 1/4	26 1/2
Black Mountain	02 1/2	02 3/4	02 1/4	02 1/2
Guiney Cons.	11 1/2	11 3/4	11 1/4	11 1/2
Copper Range	80	80 1/4	79 3/4	80
Cumberland-Eliz.	07 1/2	07 3/4	07 1/4	07 1/2
Delaware	10	10 1/4	9 3/4	10
Davis	03 1/2	03 3/4	03 1/4	03 1/2
Granby Copper	106	106 1/4	105 3/4	106
Globe Cons.	07 1/2	07 3/4	07 1/4	07 1/2
Greene Cananea	11 1/2	11 3/4	11 1/4	11 1/2
Hancock	04 1/2	04 3/4	04 1/4	04 1/2
Isle Royale	07 1/2	07 3/4	07 1/4	07 1/2
Keweenaw	05	05 1/4	04 3/4	05
Lake	24 1/2	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 1/2
Lake Superior	06	06 1/4	05 3/4	06
Mass.	06	06 1/4	05 3/4	06
Bay State Gas.	81	82	80 1/4	81
Nevada-Utah	05 1/2	05 3/4	05 1/4	05 1/2
Spokane	10 1/2	10 3/4	10 1/4	10 1/2
Utah Consolidated	45	45 1/4	44 3/4	45
Winona	06	06 1/4	05 3/4	06
Wolverine	150	152	148 1/4	150
Yukon	04 1/2	04 3/4	04 1/4	04 1/2

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

(Furnished by F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The wheat market is not large, the advent of snow making good sleighing has induced the farmers to deliver wheat at country elevators and mills at a somewhat more liberal rate.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
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